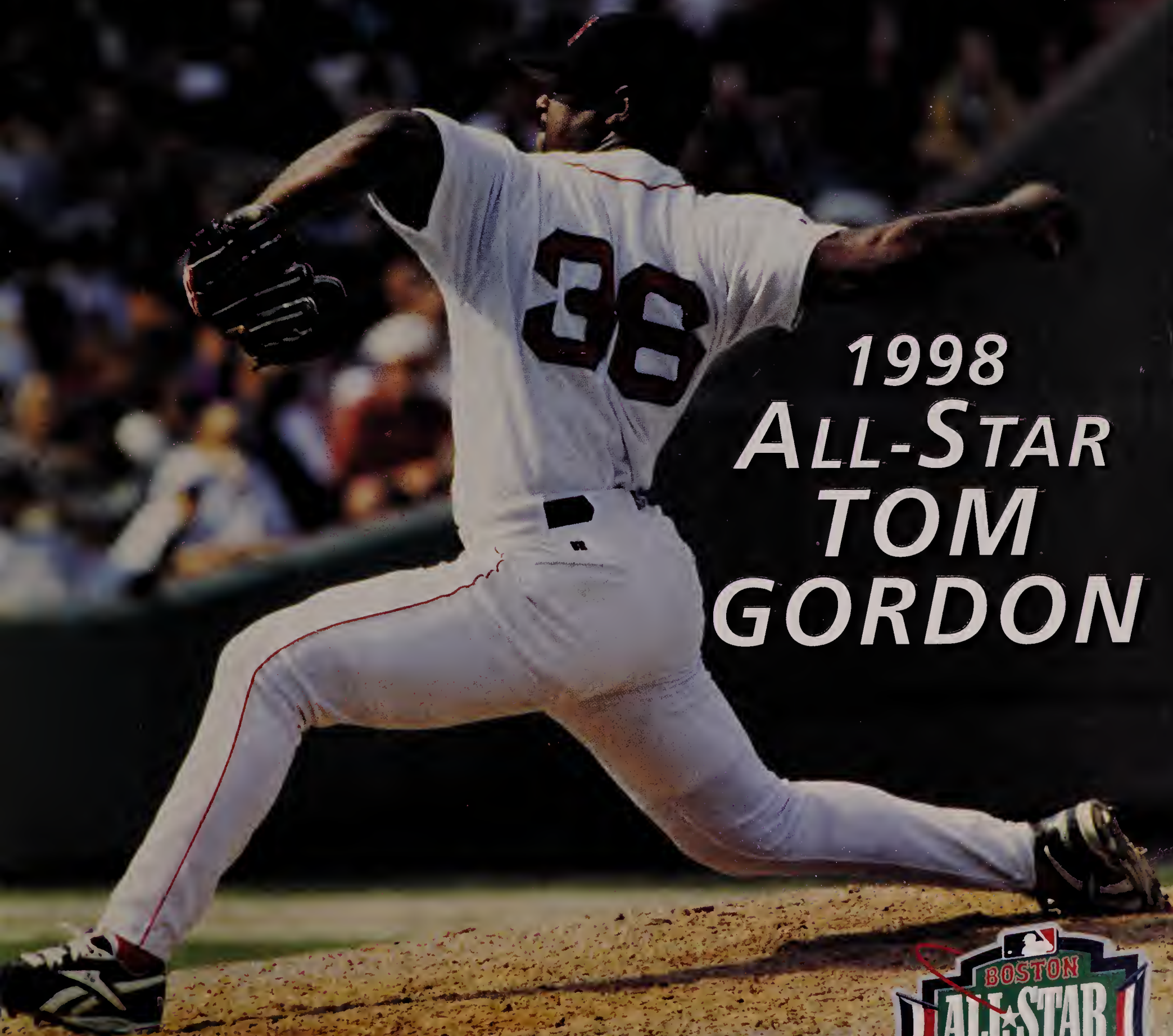


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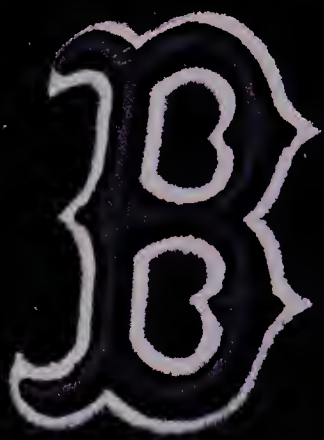


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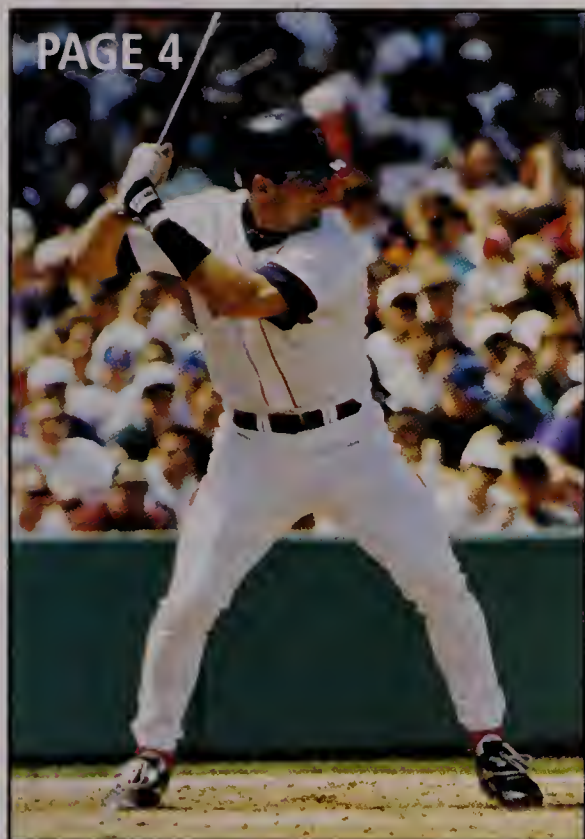
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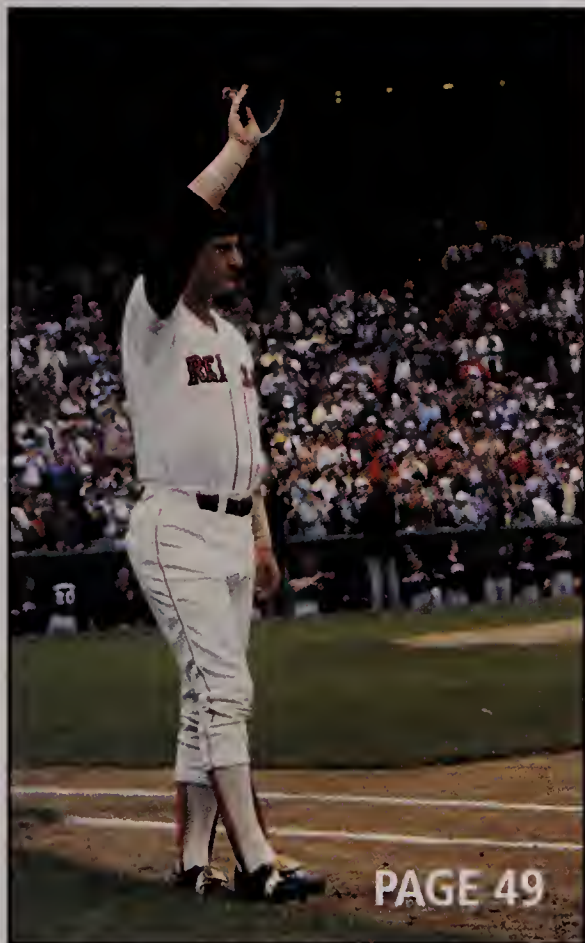
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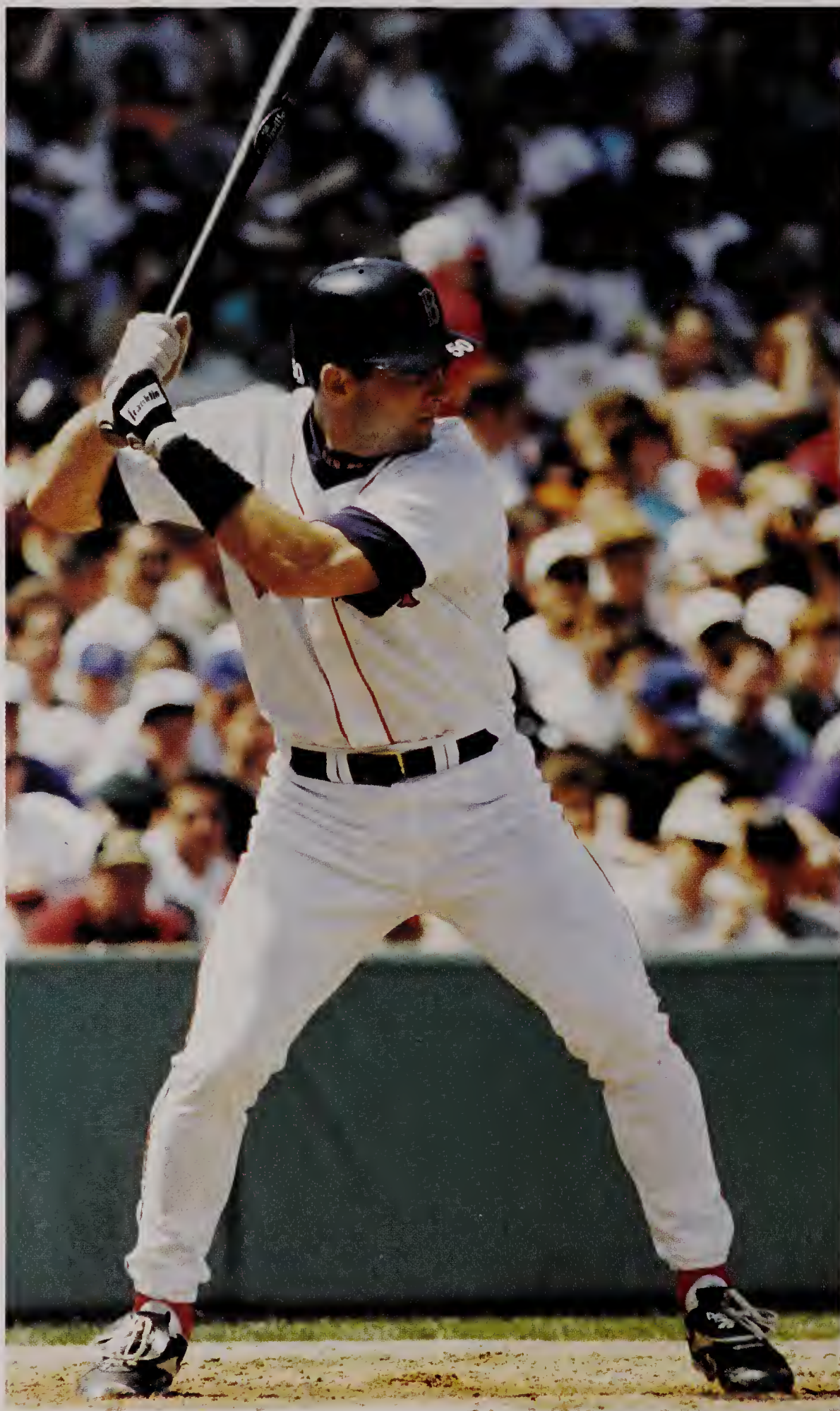
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BY ART DAVIDSON

LOU MERLONI

From Framingham to Fenway



As the ball headed for the screen, all of Lou Merloni's backyard fantasies had become a reality. In the stands, Merloni's parents, Louis and Sandy, fought back tears as they watched their son round the bases.

Even in this age of cynicism, sometimes dreams actually do come true.

"When I used to play whiffleball in my backyard I used to pretend I was Carlton Fisk, Butch Hobson or another player," said Merloni. "All the kids did."

On the night of May 15, Merloni was no longer pretending to be a member of the Red Sox. Instead of batting in his backyard in Framingham, Merloni was standing at the plate at Fenway Park wearing a real Red Sox uniform and facing a pitcher to whom Merloni was just another enemy player.

Just getting the opportunity to play for his hometown team in the park where Merloni used to seek autographs with thousands of other youngsters would have been enough for a start. But with one swing, Merloni became a part of Red Sox history and provided Framingham with one of its biggest sports moments.

Merloni made his major league debut at Fenway Park by hitting a home run over the fabled wall off Kansas City's Jose Rosado in his first at-bat.

"I couldn't believe it when I saw the ball go over the wall," said Merloni. "I have a tape of the at-bat and the ball. It's something I've already watched several times. Twenty years from now I'll still be watching it."

In the stands, Merloni's parents got to see on their wedding anniversary their 26-year-old son follow in the footsteps of another Massachusetts son. Tony Conigliaro also hit a home run during his first Fenway at-bat in 1964.

Merloni had provided his parents with a limousine to transport them to the game.

"I always said that if I made it to the major leagues I would do something special for them," said Merloni. "They sacrificed so much for me. People don't realize how hard it is for parents when their son is playing in the minor leagues and in school."

In the stands that night, 400 of Merloni's friends journeyed from Framingham and elsewhere in New England to witness his first home game.

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"When Lou came up, my wife (Mary) was praying to St. Jude," said Framingham High School athletic director Jim O'Connor. "She said out loud, 'Oh please St. Jude, let Lou hit a homer.' She asked St. Jude for help. He hits the home run, and I'm saying, 'That's great.' Lou's just a great kid. We're all just so happy for him."

During his tenure in the minor leagues, Merloni coached the boys freshman basketball team at Framingham High. His hometown is already planning a testimonial for Lou in November which will raise money for charity.

When Merloni was promoted from Pawtucket in May, it was thought to be only for a short time. An injury to John Valentin created the need for another infielder.

Merloni's versatility proved to be an asset when a concussion indefinitely sidelined Mark Lemke later in May. Merloni was able to make a smooth transition from playing third base to second base and has been sharing the second base responsibilities with Mike Benjamin.

The combination of Merloni and Benjamin have enabled the Red Sox to offset, offensively and defensively, the season-ending injury suffered by Jeff Frye during spring training and the loss of Lemke. Lou has kept his batting average near the .300 mark during the first three months of his major league career.

Merloni became the third Boston second baseman to suffer an injury this season when tendinitis in his left knee forced him to be placed on the disabled list in late June. The tendinitis resulted from a collision during a game in New York in May.

Frye's injury gave Merloni an opportunity to compete for the second base job during spring training. He played well in Florida, but when the Red Sox signed Lemke, who was an important part of several title-winning teams in Atlanta, Merloni had to open the season at Pawtucket as its shortstop.

Nevertheless, Lou made a positive impression upon Red Sox Manager Jimmy

Williams during spring training.

"What is there not to like?" asked Williams. "He plays hard and is capable of playing three positions. He swings a good bat and has gotten some key hits for us."

"He's a good person and a good player."

Merloni excelled in baseball and basketball at Framingham South. He continued his baseball career at Providence College. During his junior year, Merloni was drafted by the Red Sox but opted to return to college for his final season.

The Red Sox weren't deterred. The following year, Boston selected Merloni in the 10th round of the draft. During his senior year at PC, Merloni batted .378, drove in 43 runs and was named the co-Big East Player of the Year.

Another New Englander, Red Sox scout Buzz Bowers of Wayland, finally got Merloni's name on a contract in 1993.

Playing major league baseball is a wonderful way to make a living. It's a lifestyle filled with chartered jets, luxury hotels, and the pay isn't bad either.

What's usually overlooked is what a player has to go through before he reaches the major leagues. There are often setbacks which prevent a player from advancing beyond the minor leagues.

After spending three seasons in the minor leagues, Lou suffered a broken hand while playing for Double A Trenton in 1996. Merloni thought it might be time to try a job in the real world.

"I told my manager, Ken Macha, that I thought that was it for me," said Merloni. "I had my degree and had some job opportunities that I thought I would like to try."

"Macha told me to think about my decision. (Red Sox director of player development) Bob Schaefer called me at home and told me the same thing. But I didn't think I was going to go back to baseball."

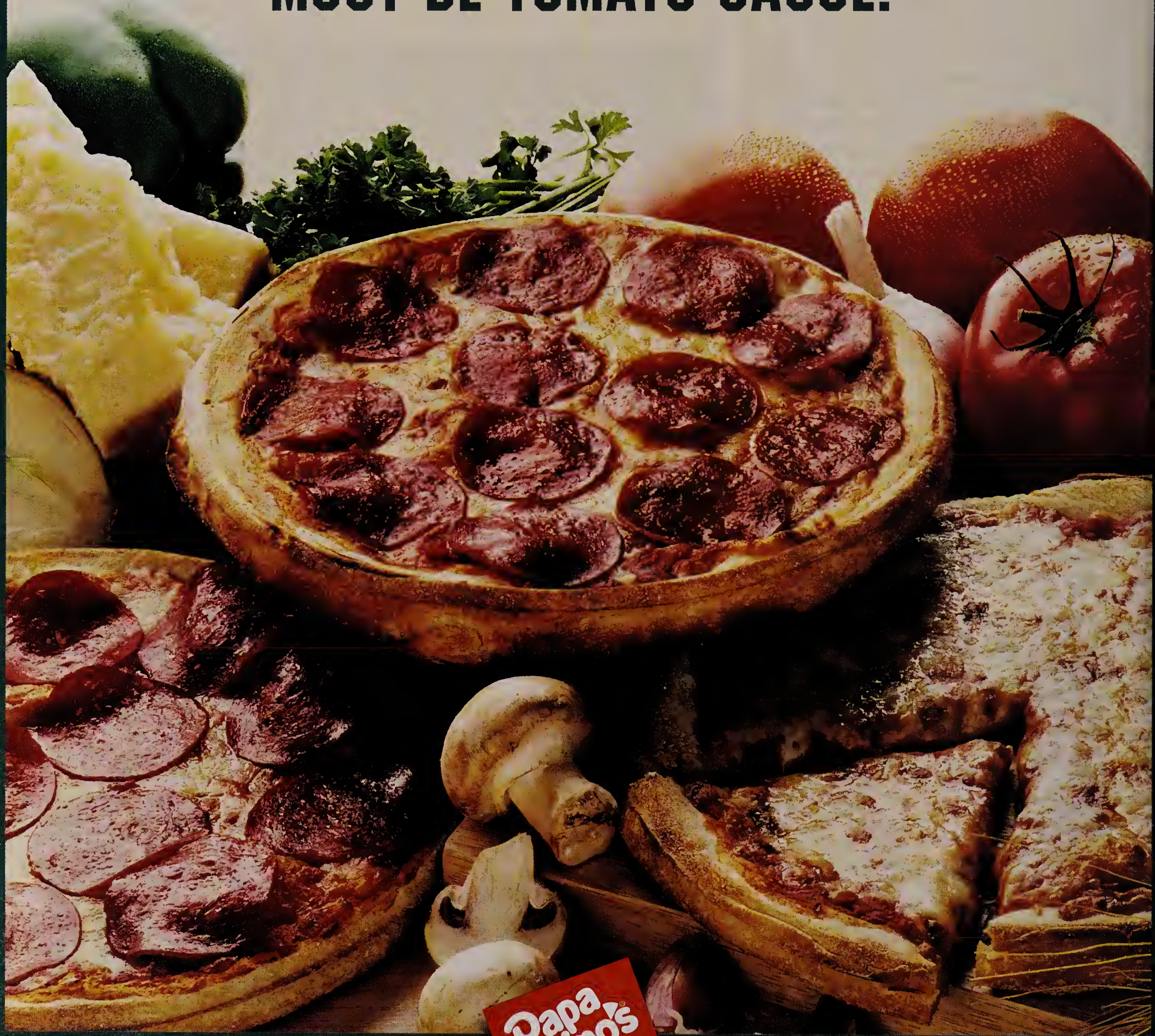
A phone call to Nomar Garciaparra changed his mind. Merloni had become close friends with his current double-play partner during their time together in the minor leagues. They are both cerebral players who would spend hours in the clubhouse discussing all facets of the game. Garciaparra has spent time during the off-season at Merloni's home in Framingham.

"At the time Nomar was rehabbing a hamstring injury in Florida," said Merloni. "He



Merloni was among a group of Red Sox players who visited the Jimmy Fund Clinic on June 4, visiting with and reading books to some of the children. The Sox second baseman met up with brothers Anthony (10) and Chris Marino (9) and Andrew Dehulle (9) of Lynnfield, MA. Photo by Karen Cummings.

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told me to come to Florida, and we would get back to playing baseball for fun while we rehabilitated our injuries together.

"While in Florida, I was able to regain my enthusiasm for playing baseball."

"I knew how much Lou loved the game and that he was capable of still playing it, something he's proving here," said Garciparra. "I think he would later regret it if he quit at that point. He's a great guy to have in the clubhouse. You don't want to lose people like that."

"He helped me by being there. I was going through a tough time myself because of my injury."

Garciparra also proved helpful when Merloni made his major league debut in Kansas City. Merloni had to wear a pair of Garciparra's cleats in his first game after his equipment bag arrived in Kansas City without his baseball shoes. Merloni wears a size 9, Garciparra size 9 1/2, and Lou went 0 for 3 while trying to literally fill Nomar's shoes.

Before the '96 season was over, Merloni had progressed to Triple A Pawtucket.

Lou split last season between Trenton and Pawtucket and was selected to play in the Double A All-Star Game after batting .310 for the Thunder. Merloni never got the opportunity to play in the game due to his promotion to Pawtucket. He batted .297 for the PawSox and was a candidate to be elevated to the major leagues last September when the rosters were expanded. The day after attending an orientation luncheon with Red Sox General Manager Dan Duquette at Fenway Park, Merloni suffered a knee injury. The mishap caused Merloni's major league debut to be delayed until this year.

The ever-diligent Merloni prepped for this season by playing in the Venezuelan League during the winter. However, being a local hero brings added pressures and responsibilities.

"People know when you do something well, but they are also very aware when you have a bad game," said Merloni. "The fans in New England are very demanding. I know what the people here are like because I'm one of them. I expect a lot out of myself."

Before home games, Lou can often be found signing autographs near the Red Sox dugout.

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BY TOM CARACCIOLI

THE LOWELL Spinners

Lowell's New Revolution Taking Hold

The Boston Red Sox got more than a Single A minor league affiliate when the Elmira Pioneers moved to Lowell two years ago. What the Red Sox got, to go along with their own fabled baseball history, was a city deep with its own history of baseball and Americana.

The banks of the Merrimack River and Lowell are rich in the history of the Industrial Revolution of America. From the three-story spinning and weaving factory of Cabot Lowell to the successful enterprising of textile printer and

manufacturer Nathan Appleton, Lowell, Massachusetts is forever known as one of the epicenters for the industrialization of our country.

The industrialization of America made Lowell one of the top 50 cities in the United States in the late 19th century. It was during that period that the National League of Professional Baseball was looking to expand its operations into the northeast. Not only was Lowell, the second largest city in the Commonwealth, immersed in textiles and manufacturing, it also was submerg

America's pastime — baseball.

Professional baseball was welcomed in the city of Lowell in 1875. In 1877, the Lowell Amateurs played in the New England Amateur Championship Series that barnstormed across the Northeast playing teams from other cities and towns. The Amateurs, who were paid \$10 a week, also played teams already playing in the National League and won 11 games against those opponents.

Before the beginning of the 1878 season, the owners of the existing National League

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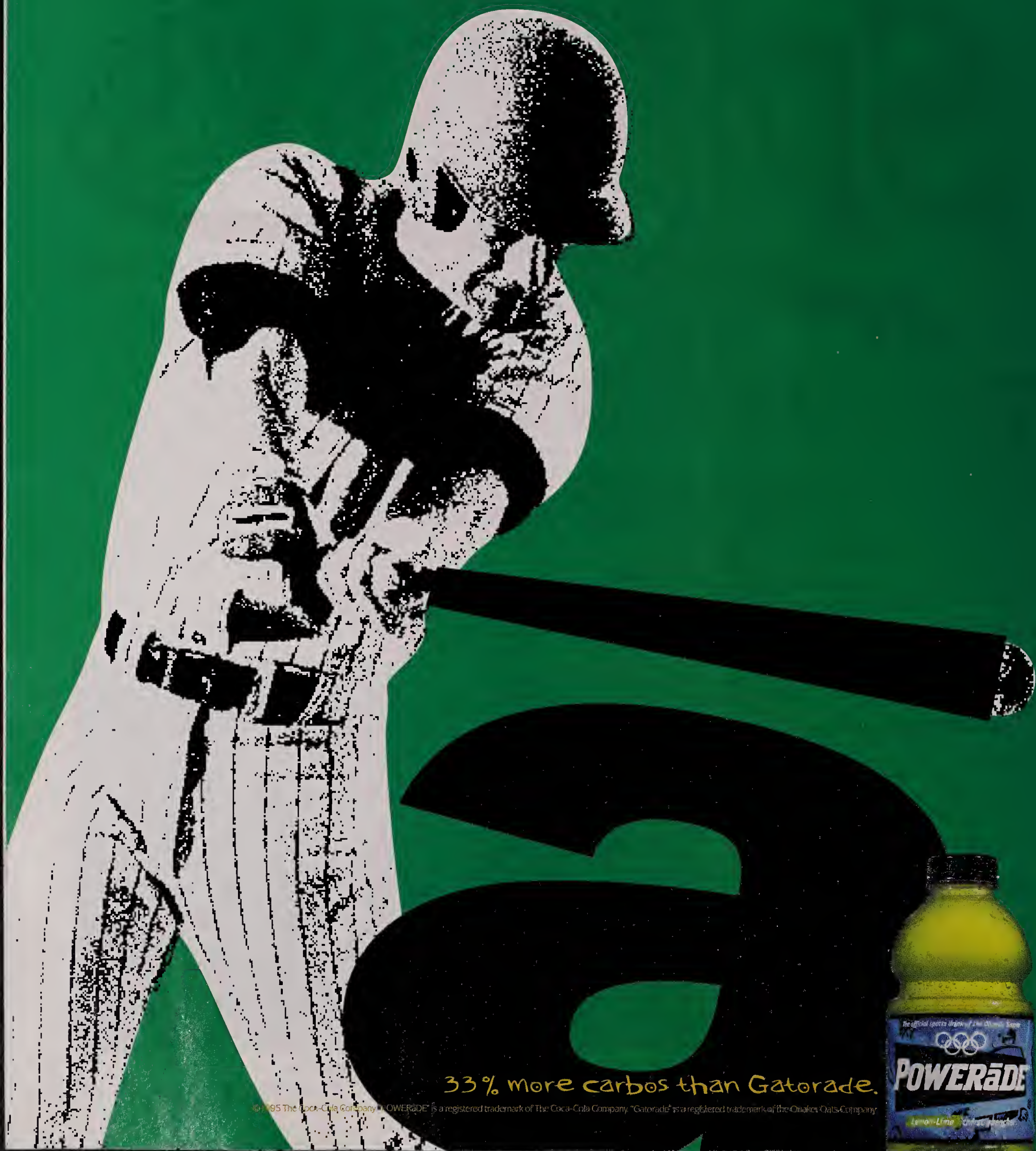


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Former Red Sox Major League coach and Spinners Manager Dick Berardino (right) and his catcher Dave Benham.

teams extended an invitation to Lowell's team to join the senior circuit. Admission into a National League game was 50 cents, and the Lowell owners didn't want to place a further price burden on its loyal fans and thus declined the invitation. Lowell instead joined the New England League and played professional baseball in that league until 1933.

Following the 1933 season, the New England League folded from the difficult economic times of the Depression. In 1934, Lowell sponsored a team that participated in the Northeastern League until the end of 1946. Baseball briefly left the city until the Lawrence Millionaires of the new New England League were transplanted south and played out the rest of its 1947 season as the Lowell Orphans. The Orphans didn't fare any better drawing 82 fans for its final home game and lost 16 games in a row.

For the next five decades the city of Lowell, once prosperous and vital from the textile industry, was without baseball.

"In the early 1990s, Lowell was looking to become a destination city," said Jim Cook, president of the Lowell Plan, an economic redevelopment organization. Through the support of the late United States Congressman Paul Tsongas, the city of Lowell was about to become destined for a rebirth economically, structurally and recreationally. "Our goal was to create a city atmosphere where people wanted to come live, work and play," stressed Cook. "We tried to deal with those quality of life issues that would help revitalize the city."

Tsongas, along with Massachusetts State Representative Edward LeLacheur, City Manager and Chief Executive Brian

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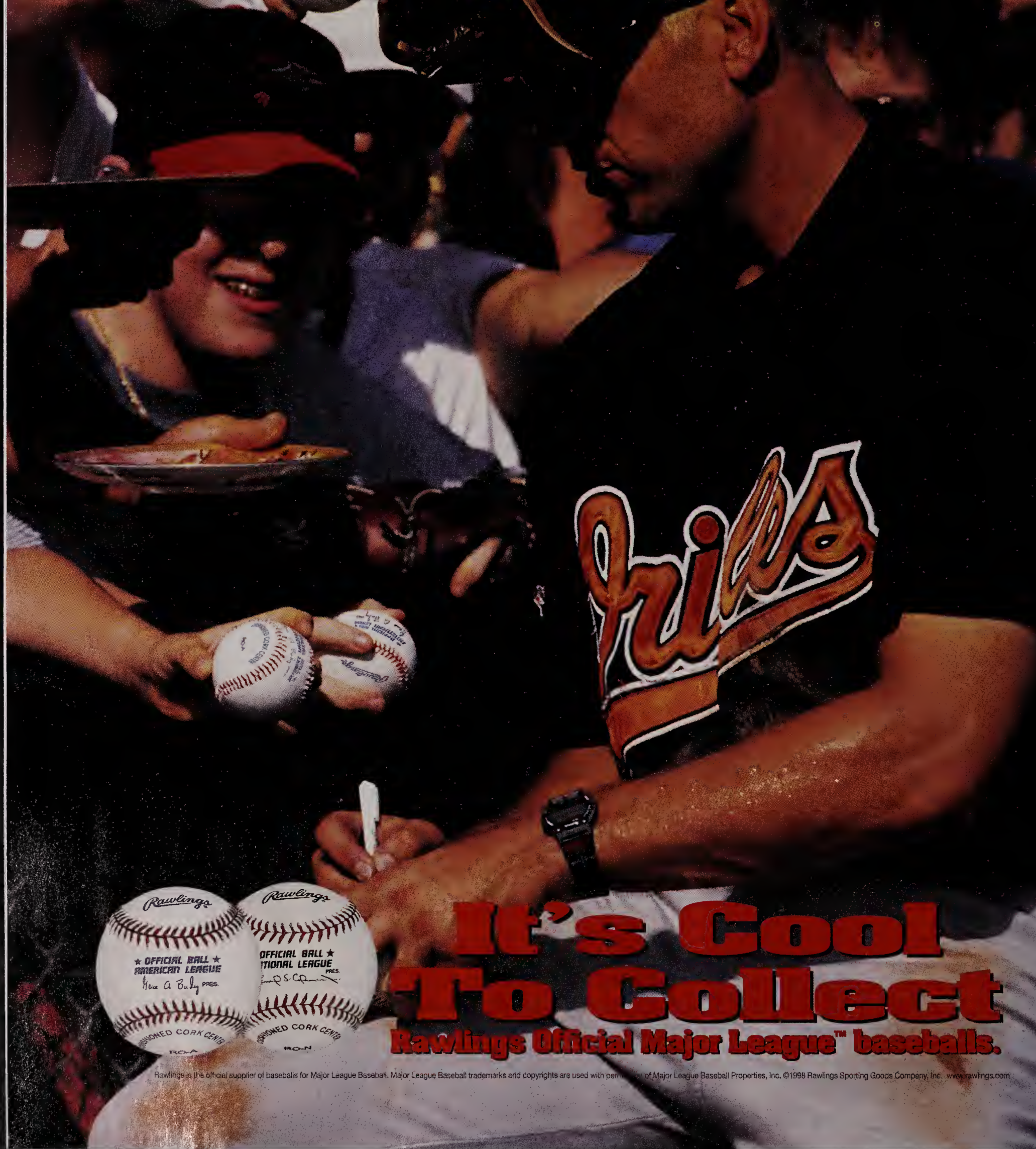
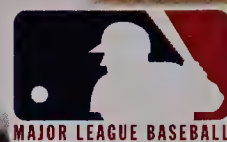
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Martin, Chairman of the Lowell Plan and President of the Lowell Sun Alex Costello, and Cook, set their collective sight on bringing baseball back to Lowell.

Plans for Lowell's economic redevelopment took an unexpected turn after Tsongas & Co. traveled to Utica, NY to meet with officials of the New York-Penn League. The discussion ranged from future expansion of the league to potential sites.

After a successful meeting in Utica, the group wondered out loud what it would take to coax an American Hockey League franchise to Lowell as well. A car phone conversation with New Hampshire State Republican Chair Tom Rath ensued, and tentative plans for a new minor league baseball team and facility, along with an AHL team



Second baseman Tony James goes airborne.

and facility were born.

LeLacheur, a 24-year veteran of Massachusetts state politics and representatives of Lowell, Tewksbury and Andover got involved following the trip to Utica. LeLacheur was primarily concerned with funding the project through a partnership with the city of Lowell and University of Massachusetts at Lowell.

Meanwhile, while LeLacheur was raising funds for the development of baseball, Tsongas & Co. met with Bobby Orr and AHL President Dave Andrews to discuss hockey. Following that meeting a push was made to apply for admission into the American Hockey League. The Lowell Lock Monsters will begin play in the 1998-99 season in the Paul E. Tsongas Arena.

The Lowell Plan hired a

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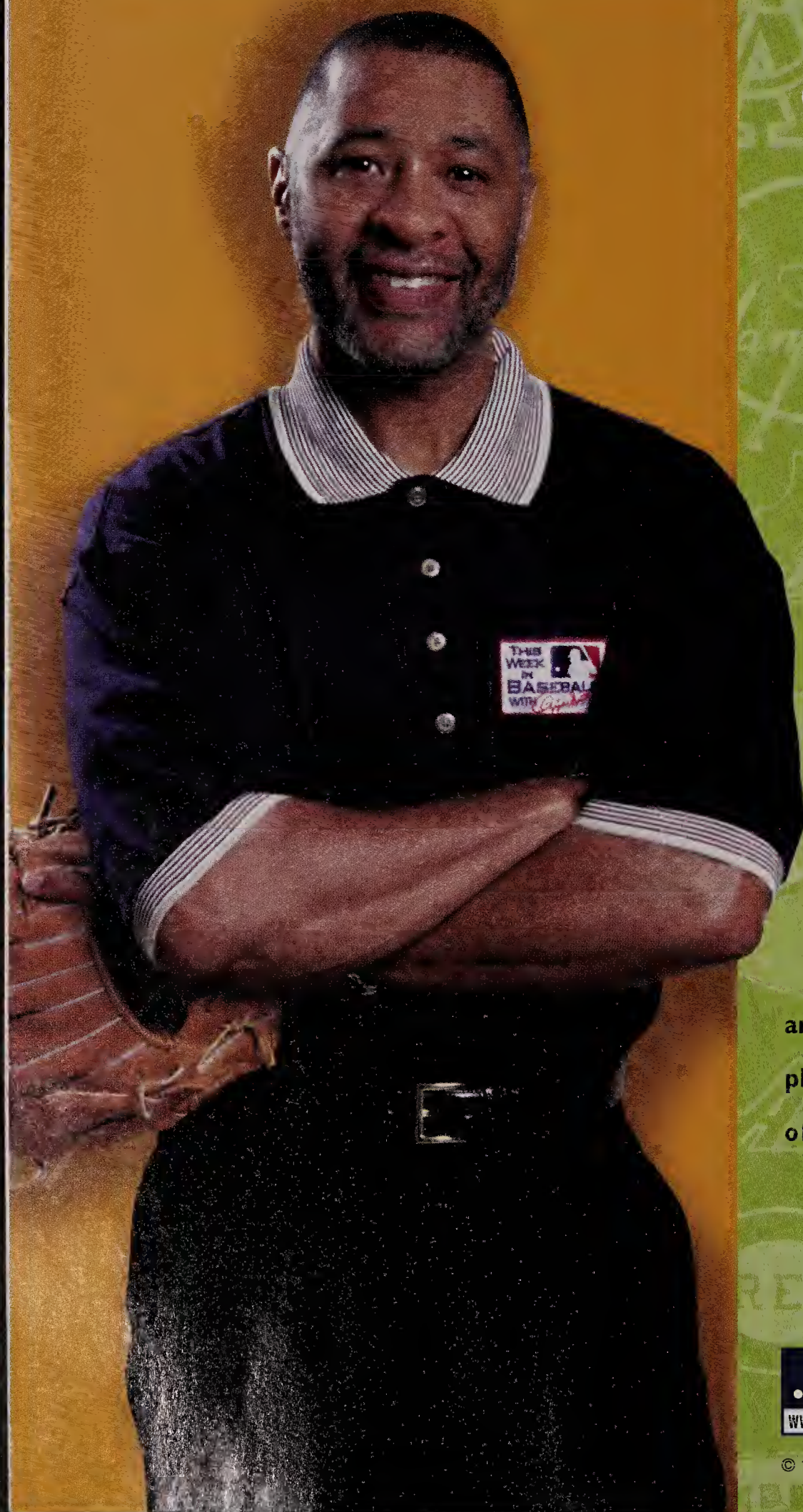
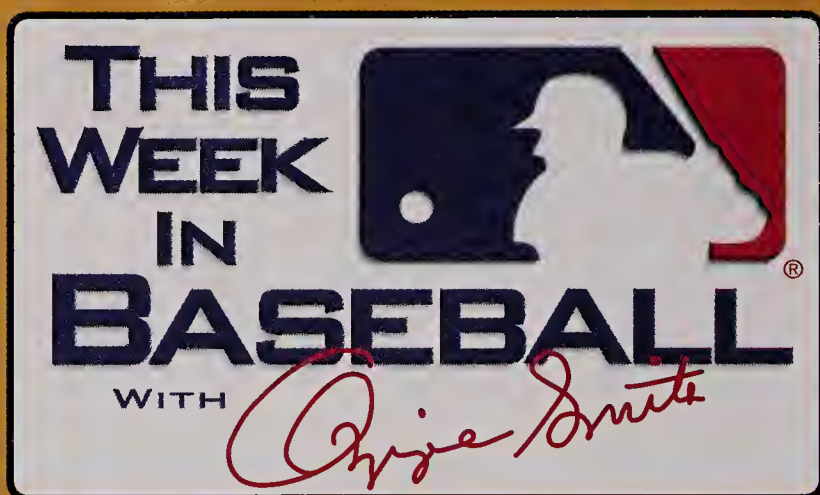


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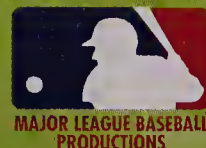
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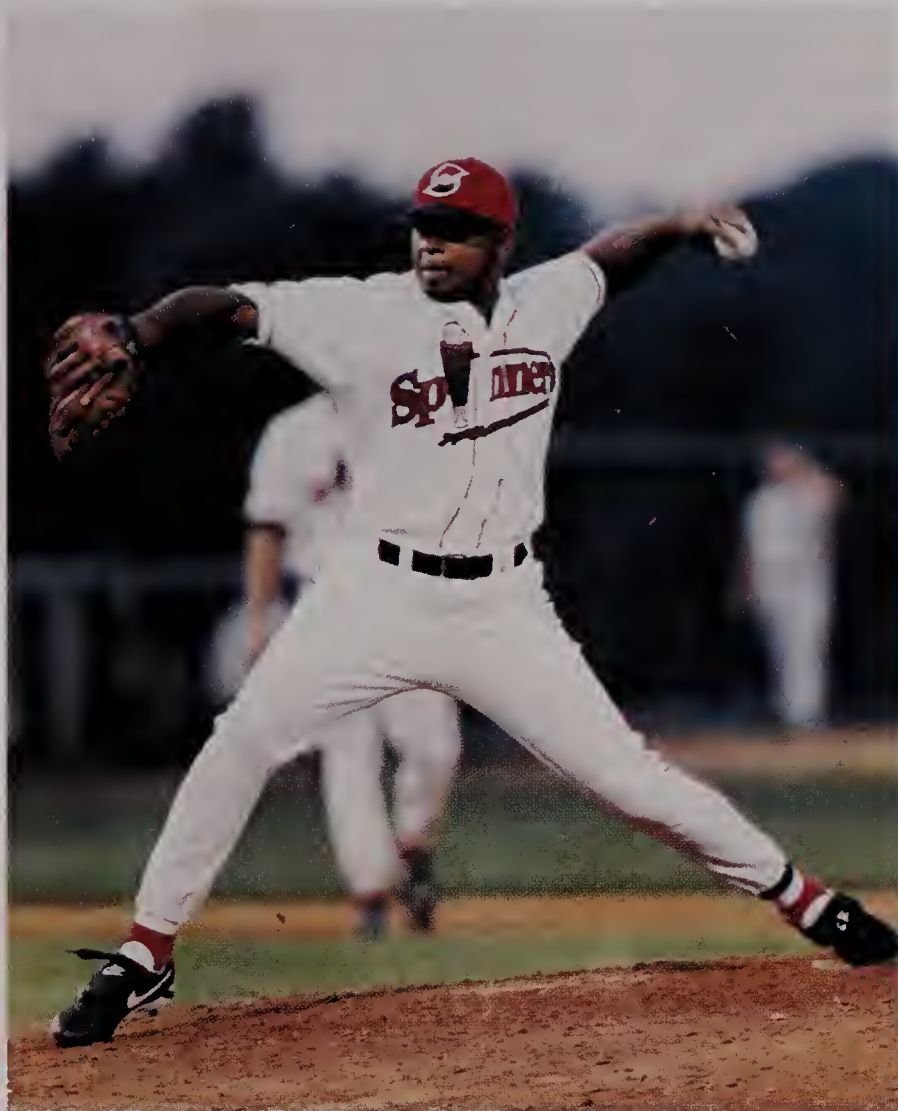


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consultant, Art Hittner, to help lure a suitable minor league baseball franchise for relocation to Lowell. Through the existing partnership of the city and UMass Lowell, a site was chosen and plans for a groundbreaking were in place.

In the process of studying Lowell's attractability to support minor league baseball, Hittner, a minority owner of the Elmira Pioneers, proposed an idea to bring the Pioneers to Lowell. Elmira was the New York-Penn League affiliate of the Boston Red Sox. "Lowell is an integral city within a larger metropolitan area with a rich history of baseball," said Hittner. "Great demographics and matching with the Red Sox was really quite an attractive situation."

After securing interest from



LHP Terrence Hill fires one in.

Elmira to relocate, everything was in place to bring America's national pastime back to the Merrimack Valley and, specifically, to Lowell. The Lowell Spinners were welcomed back in 1996. The team nickname and logo were contrived in concert with the city's history. The Spinners are the Boston Red Sox Single A affiliate in the New York-Penn League.

Though the Spinners played for two seasons at Alumni Field, the continued efforts of Representative LeLacheur made it possible for ground to be broken for a new field on June 23, 1997. The Edward A. LeLacheur Park was christened one year later on June 22, 1998 against the Vermont Expos. "This has been the highlight of my career especially because I'm retiring this year from politics," admitted LeLacheur. "I just

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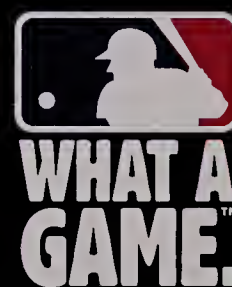
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Veteran Outfielder Has Become "Center" of Attention

Wendell Kim was back home in Mesa, Arizona last winter when his phone rang. On the other end was Darren Lewis, Kim's former third base coach with the San Francisco Giants, who quickly began giving the Red Sox third base coach the third degree about what the newly signed outfielder needed to do to ready himself for his first season in Boston.

"I didn't know they had even signed Darren Lewis," Kim recalled. "I knew after the fact. He called me about the Red Sox, wanting to know when he should report for spring training, when I was getting there, getting around Fort Myers, everything."

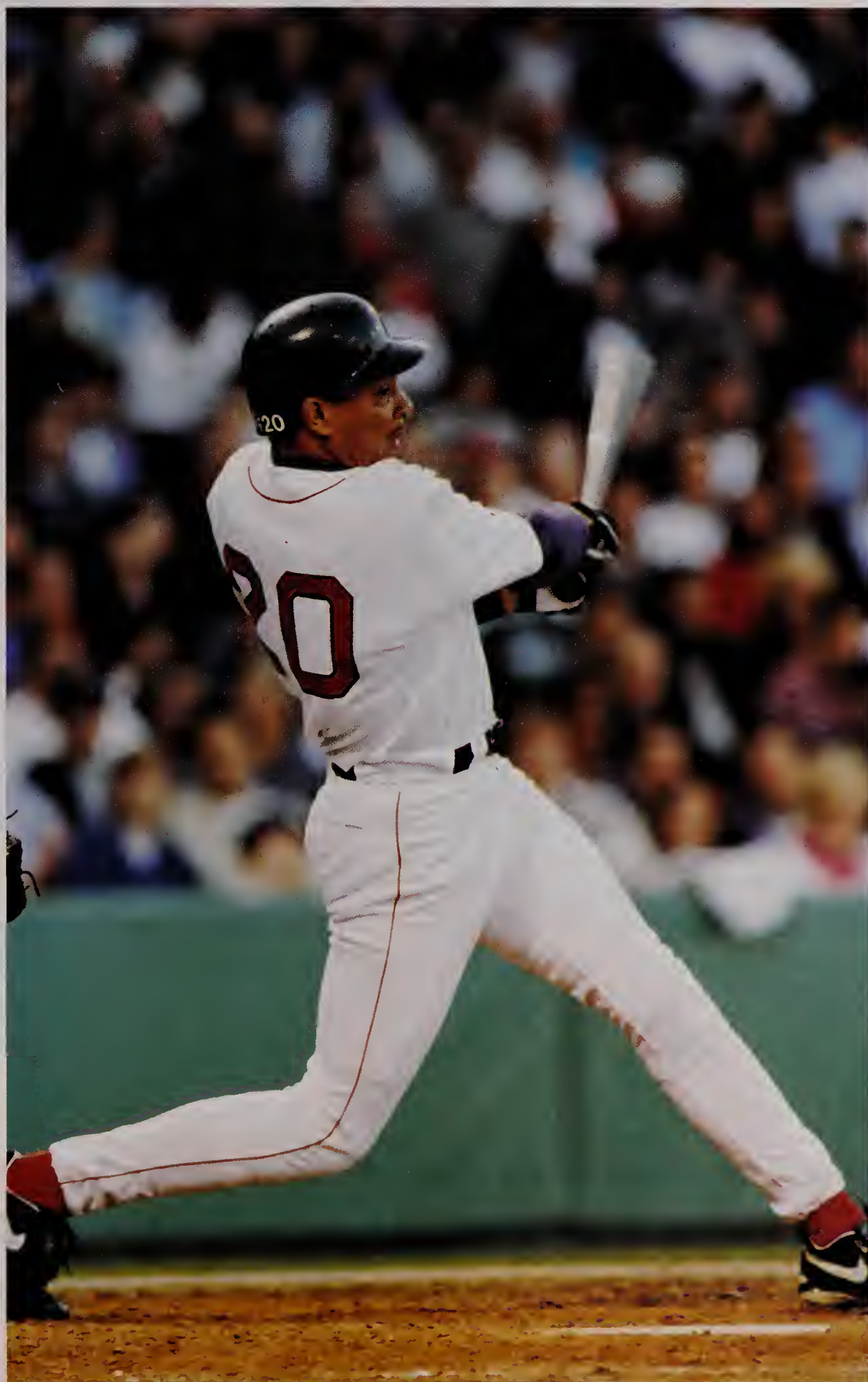
After spending five seasons with Lewis in San Francisco, Kim knew that fly balls aren't the only thing the 30-year-old Gold Glover believes in getting a jump on. Lewis is much more than just another outfielder with good range. He's a student of the game who's a stickler for doing his homework.

"I hope the fans here have been able to appreciate it," Lewis says of his first season at Fenway Park, "but for me, it doesn't matter where I'm playing, I'm going to know every bit of terrain that's out there, and I'm going to cover it like a blanket."

"That's the way I look at it. I'm not intimidated by any wall or any circumstance, fence, or warning track. Wherever the ball's hit, I'm gonna go get it."

That is, after all, why the Red Sox got Lewis in the first place — to anchor the Boston outfield with a centerpiece in center field who could "go get it." It has turned out to be a perfect match.

"I knew this team needed some help defensively," said Lewis, who had been a free agent from the Dodgers before signing with Boston two days before Christmas. "I thought it would be good for me to come here and play, not to say that I thought I was going to come here and automatically be given the job. I was going to have to go out there and earn it. That's all you ask for. You just want the opportunity to go out there."



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"I didn't want to settle for a fourth outfielder role. I'm not ready for that yet at this point in my career."

Lewis has shown in this, his ninth season in the majors, that he can still get it done on a daily basis, much to the Red Sox delight. Although the bulk of his time has come in center field, Lewis also played 32 games in right field over the first half, after playing only three innings in right over his previous seven years, and even made four first-half appearances in left field.

"It's a tough game. It has its peaks and valleys. What's going to get you through the tough times is your will — your will, basically not to give up and to continue to believe in yourself. That's one thing I've always done."

Mike Benjamin, another former teammate of Lewis' from the Giants who signed with the Red Sox in November, 1996, suspected that Lewis would prove to be a major boost for Boston.

"I knew it would be a good opportunity for him with all the center-field talk here," Benjamin said. "I didn't know what it would bring."

What it has brought Lewis are the accolades of the Fenway Faithful, whom he has endeared himself to with his acrobatic grabs and ability to get to balls while making only one error in 224 outfield chances over the first half.

"I'm happy that some of the hard work I've done has paid off for me," said Lewis. "I've had my struggles and feel like I've been able to learn from them."

"I have a lot of God-given ability to catch a baseball, but it's something that I really love, something I want to be perfect at."

Lewis is about as close to perfection in the outfield as there is in the majors. He still holds the major league record he set with the Giants for consecutive errorless games at 392 from Aug. 21, 1990 to June 29, 1994, and he made only one error last season in 107 games for the White Sox and Dodgers.

"I knew he could pick it, no problem," Kim said. "His arm's a little bit stronger too, but he still has the same speed when he breaks on the ball."

While Lewis remains the same defensive standout he was with the Giants, his produc-

Lewis has benefited from studying the batting styles of such former teammates as Barry Bonds, Harold Baines, Frank Thomas and Robin Ventura, but also gives part of the credit to Red Sox hitting coach Jim Rice in a roundabout way.

"I feel like as I'm getting older, I'm getting smarter," Lewis said. "This is a good place for me to hit because I hit a lot of balls the other way and up the middle."

"The thing Jim helps me with is making sure I stay relaxed. He's not really into the mechanics, and to me that's good because I don't like to get out there and be thinking about mechanics too much. He keeps it real simple."

"I've tried to take a little bit from everybody I've been around along with watching the great hitters. I've been trying to learn from the guys sitting next to me, so I like to think these things are paying off for me."

Lewis entered the second half batting .290 with 35 RBI, proof that nobody knows his swing better than himself.

"When you hit .247, which is what I've hit my entire career, everybody wants to make you a better hitter, and sometimes you're going to fail because of that," Lewis said. "But I think now I know myself better than I ever have. I've tried everything every hitting coach has told me."

"I know what's going to work and what's not going to work, and

that's what I'm going to go with. Sometimes, through failing in this game, if you have the determination inside you, you can become better from that. I feel that's what happened."

Benjamin finds it ironic that it has taken Lewis' bat to finally get him the fan and media recognition he has deserved for his glove all along.

"All everybody talks about is hitting and the numbers that guys put up," Benjamin said. "If you're not one of those guys, you get overlooked all the time. If you're a great defensive player and put up

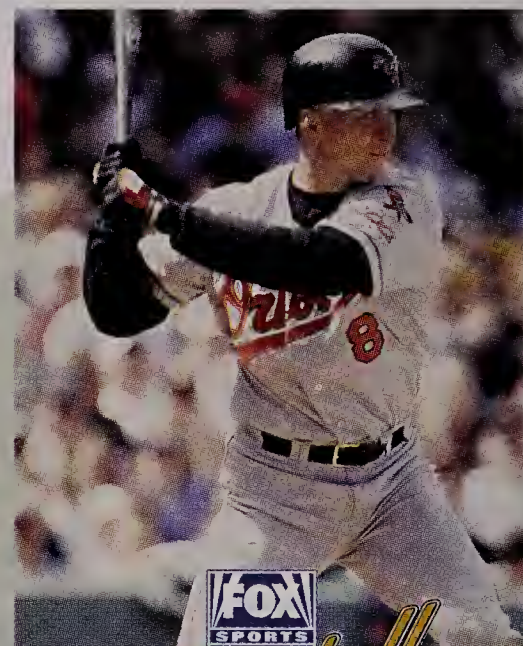
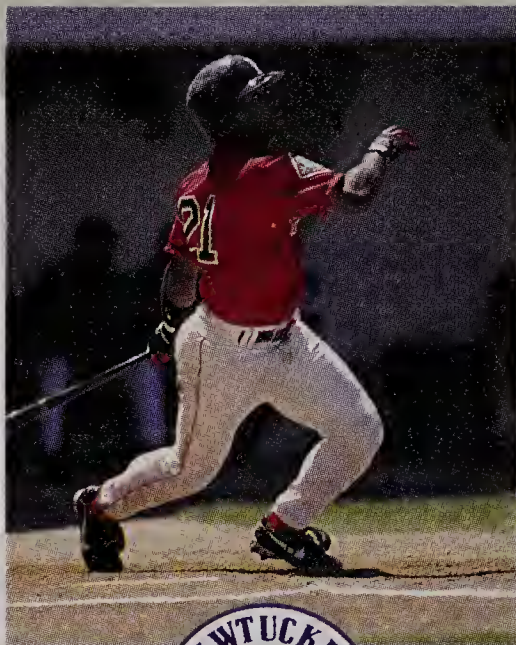
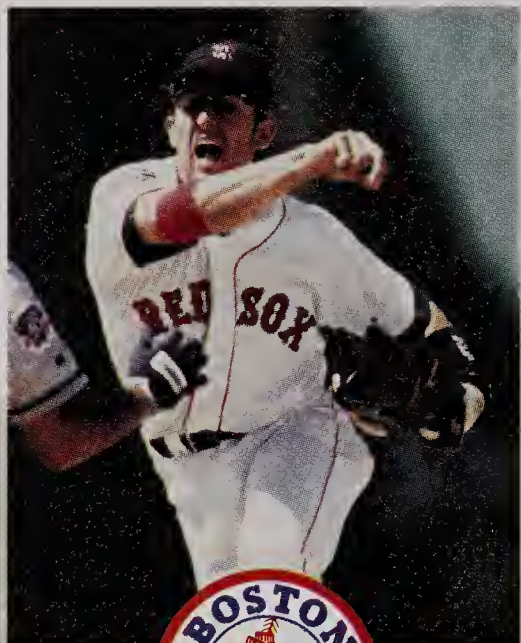


tion at the plate has surprised even Kim.

"He's better," Kim said. "He's more mature, especially in his hitting."

Benjamin agrees, saying that Lewis now has a purpose whenever he steps into the batter's box.

"He's got a good idea of what he wants to do at the plate," Benjamin said. "He has a game plan. We're similar in that when we were young, we would try to listen to everybody about how to hit and try to do what everybody wanted us to do. He learned what he has to do to succeed and has stayed with it."



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In his days with the Giants, Lewis was involved in community efforts educating and encouraging youngsters to work hard for themselves. This past January he participated in the Red Sox caravan and visited and addressed the students at the Tobin Elementary School in Roxbury.

average numbers, they'll get overlooked."

Lewis not only has filled in nicely in center field, but has also provided Red Sox Manager Jimmy Williams the leadoff man he had been looking for since spring training, allowing Nomar Garciaparra to drop to the No. 3 slot where he has flourished.

"Teams need guys like him who can bunt and hit-and-run," Benjamin said. "He brought his ability to be a leadoff hitter here, and that's allowed Jimmy to drop Nomar to the No. 3 hole."

Meanwhile, Lewis has been an instigator at the top of the Boston lineup with a team-leading 13 stolen bases by the All-Star break to the delight of Williams, who has been a fan of his ever since Lewis was still with San Francisco and Williams was coaching for the Atlanta Braves.

"When we had a chance to sign him, I was happy," Williams said. "He's been tremendous for our ball club in all respects. He has been tremendous as a leadoff hitter — bunting, getting on base, and his defensive skills speak for themselves."

While Garciaparra and Mo Vaughn have

been this season's cornerstones for Boston, Benjamin has a name for this season's supporting cast of players like Lewis and himself.

"We're the 'Glue Guys,'" Benjamin said. "Guys who do all the little stuff and keep the team together."

Says Williams, "They aren't ordinary glue. They're special glue."

"That's fine with me," Lewis said. "Call me a role player, rag-tag. I don't need the added admiration. My goal is to win every day, that's it. That's what I live for."

"We have guys that show up every day that eat, sleep and drink baseball," he explained. "They love what they do and they're serious about it. There's nothing flashy about them, but they scrap every night, and somehow they're going to try to beat you."

Lewis is appreciative of the way he has been utilized by Williams, whom he has come to respect nearly as much as his former skipper in San Francisco, Dusty Baker. Baker's wife, Melissa, is expecting the couple's first child, to be named Darren in Lewis' honor.

"I learned that winning attitude and how

to win under him," Lewis says of Baker.

By the same token, Red Sox fans' desire to win has left Lewis with no regrets about coming to Boston.

"It's been better than I expected," he said. "They're very into baseball here. There's an intensity and an energy they bring to the ballpark every night that I've never experienced."

"As a ballplayer, you live for that type of pennant race atmosphere that they have here in April. That's a great feeling as a ballplayer, to be able to go out and perform in front of that night in and night out."

Playing for his fifth team in the past four seasons, Lewis would like to finish out the rest of his career in Boston, but he isn't laying down any roots just yet.

"I never really have my feet set in one spot," he explained. "I've felt I was supposed to be in a spot and then somebody taps on your shoulder and tells you that you've been traded. Because of that experience, I try to cherish each day that I'm here at the ballpark and let the future take care of itself." ■

Mo Vaughn's 1998 "Hit Dog Homers Program" to Benefit The Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston

For every home run he hits during the 1998 Red Sox season, Mo Vaughn will once again donate \$2,000 to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston with his "Hit Dog Homers" program.

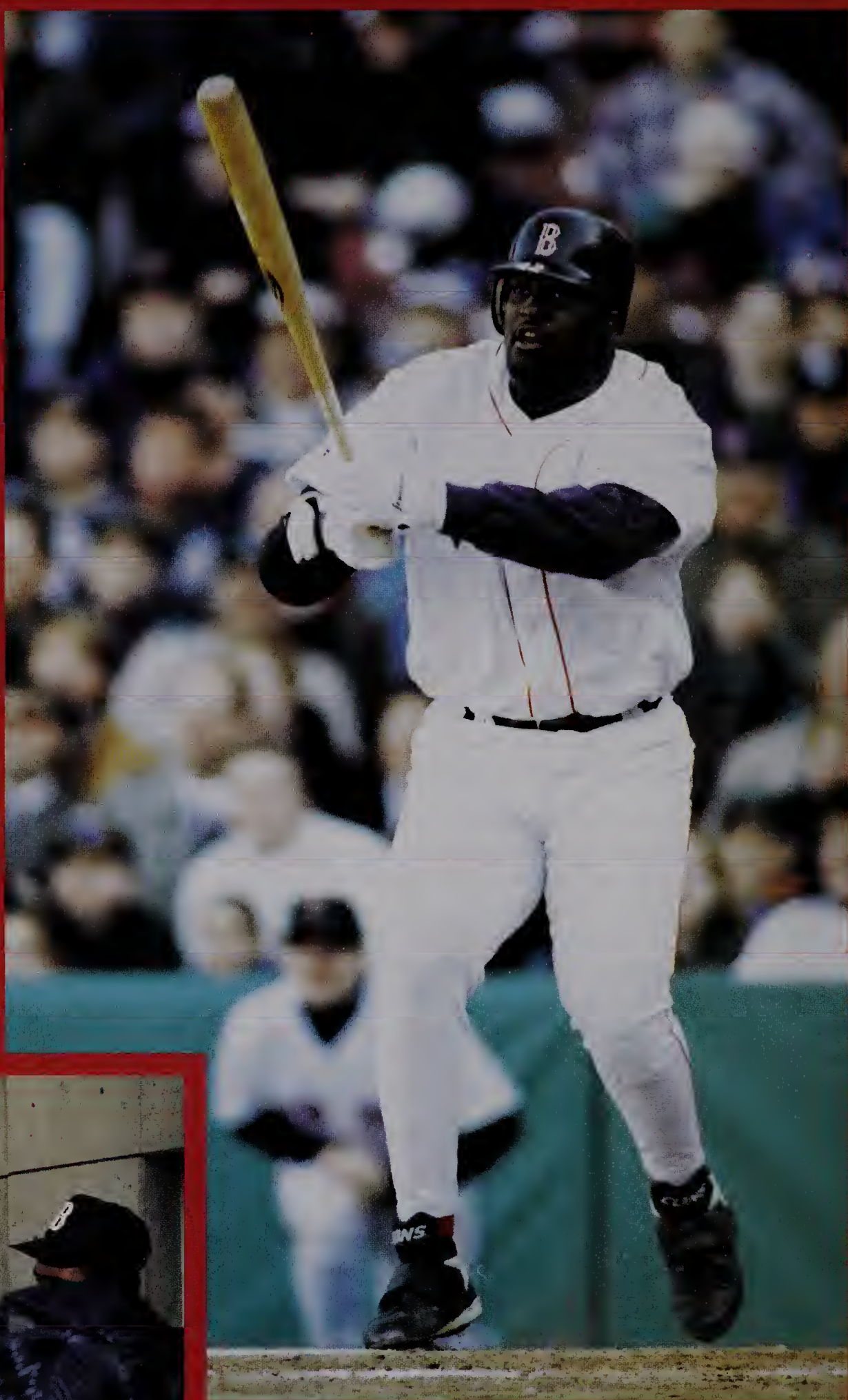
In any event, Mo will make a sizable donation, up to the \$100,000 plateau.

Each quarter a check will be issued to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston from Mo, based on his home run production during that time period. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston will utilize the funds generated to sponsor events and functions for youngsters in the Boston area.

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THE RED SOX AND MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL UNVEIL *1999 ALL-STAR GAME LOGO*

On July 15 the Red Sox and Major League Baseball unveiled the logo for the 1999 All-Star Game to be held at Fenway Park on July 13, 1999. The logo, now displayed on the left-field wall above the scoreboard, was uncovered during a special press conference and luncheon held in the Diamond at Fenway and attended by officials from the Red Sox and Major League Baseball including American League President Dr. Gene Budig, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, President and CEO of the Greater Boston Visitors & Convention Bureau Pat Moscaritolo, Red Sox staff and local media also attended as well as former Red Sox all-stars Dominic DiMaggio, Dick Radatz, Walter Dropo, Joe Morgan and Bill Lee.

Speakers for the event, emceed by Red Sox broadcaster Joe Castiglione, included Red Sox Executive Vice President and General Manager Dan Duquette, Mayor Menino, Dr. Budig and Moscaritolo.

The 1999 All-Star Game will be the third played at Fenway Park. The other two games were played in 1946, a 12-0 American League win highlighted by a 4-hit, 5-RBI performance by Ted Williams, and, 1961, a game that ended in a 1-1 tie and called after nine innings due to rain.

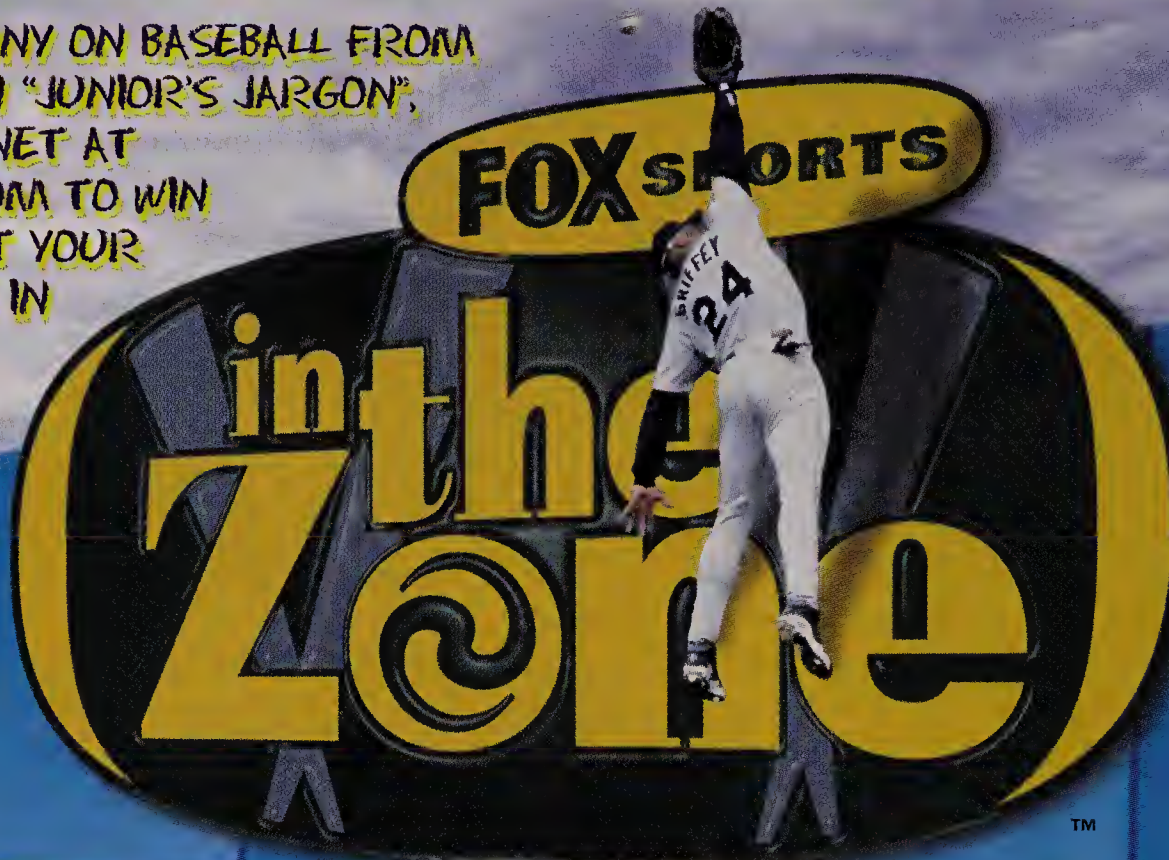
Created and designed by the Creative Services Department of Major League Baseball Properties, in cooperation with the Boston Red Sox, the logo encompasses the traditional nature of the Red Sox and Fenway Park. The Red Sox red and blue, in tandem with green, representative of the left-field wall, and silver or pewter, a metal akin to New England, constitute the colors used in the logo. The familiar Fenway Park keystone was incorporated into the design, and the red, white and blue banners adorning both sides of the logo are typical of those found in souvenir pins and such from the 1950s and '60s. The red stars on the field represent the baseball stars who will take the field for next year's Midsummer Classic.



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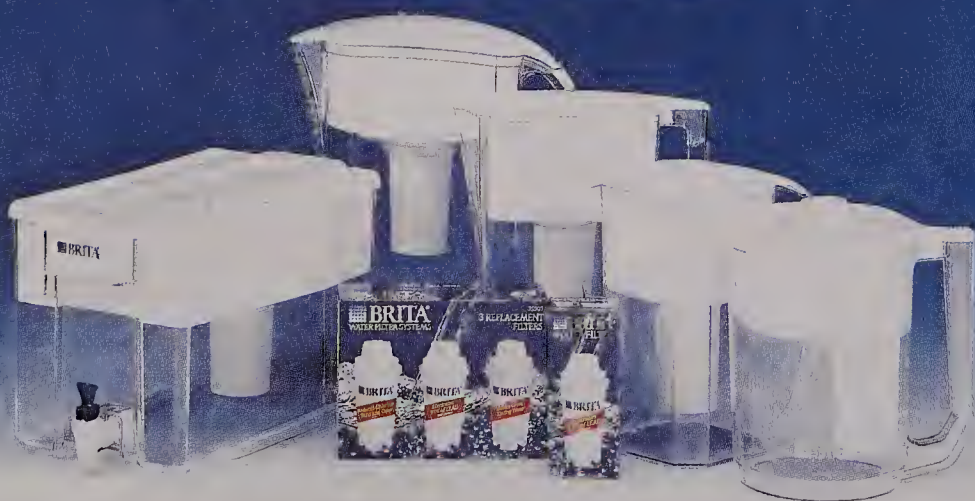
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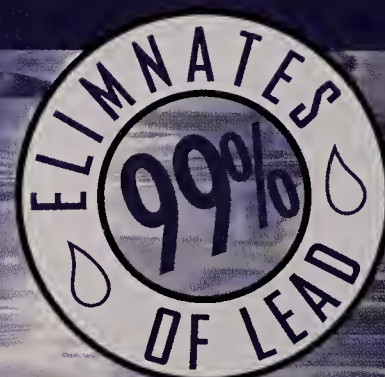


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Former Red Sox all-stars Walter Dropo (left) and Dick Radatz (right) with Red Sox broadcaster Joe Castiglione arrived to lend their support.



Mayor Menino caught up with former Red Sox Manager Joe Morgan who served as a coach for the 1989 All-Star Game.



Bill Lee, former Red Sox lefthander and a 1973 all-star, and Dan Duquette.



Dr. Budig happily conversed with seven-time Red Sox all-star Dominic DiMaggio.



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This determined youngster took his swings as his fellow competitors looked on!



The Red Sox once again have acknowledged Fenway Park employees for their outstanding job performances through the Friendly Fenway Achiever program. Achievers are nominated by their co-workers as well as fans who have observed or encountered exceptional conduct by a Red Sox, ARAMARK, Gourmet Caterers or Fenway Park employee. The first group of achievers for 1998 who were recognized in a pre-game ceremony on June 23 were: Sean Willis, Richard Shea, Sarah Servetnick, Bill Mullaly, Amy McCarthy, Erin Joyce, Kerry Cashman and Billy Broadbent. (Absent from photo: Susan Salerno.) Red Sox Executive Vice President of Administration John Buckley presented the awards.



On May 20, 1998, Red Sox pitcher Tim Wakefield announced the formation of "Wakefield Warriors," an effort to benefit children from the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Franciscan Children's Hospital. The youngsters involved in the program will be treated to a Red Sox game and have the opportunity to meet Tim. Wakefield will also donate \$1,000 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Boston for every game he wins, and the Red Sox will match his total season donation if he wins 20 or more games during the regular season. Tim is pictured (above left) with Gabriel Cruz, Kristen McManus and Ana Gutierrez from the Franciscan Children's Hospital and Ruben Terrero from Make-A-Wish. Earlier in the day Wakefield was accompanied by teammates Darren Bragg and Midre Cummings as they visited the Maurice J. Tobin School in Cambridge. The players signed autographs and talked to the students on issues of inter-

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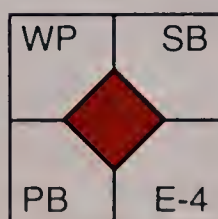
Baseball shorthand is used by the news media to render every game more enjoyable to baseball enthusiasts. All players are numbered and all plays recorded by symbols. For symbols and examples of the system, see below.

CODE NUMBER OF PLAYERS AS FOLLOWS

Pitcher	1	Second Baseman	4	Left Fielder	7
Catcher	2	Third Baseman	5	Center Fielder	8
First Baseman	3	Shortstop	6	Right Fielder	9

SYMBOLS FOR PLAYS

Single	—	Fielder's Choice	FC	Passed Ball	PB
Double	=	Hit by Pitcher	HP	Balk	BK
Triple	≡	Wild Pitch	WP	Struck Out	K
Home Run	≡≡	Stolen Base	SB	Base on Balls	BB
Sacrifice	SAC	Force Out	FO		
Reached Base on Error	E				



The lower left-hand corner of the scoring block should be considered as home plate. Progress is counter-clockwise with progress to first base indicated in lower right-hand corner, to second in upper right-hand corner, to third in upper left-hand corner and to home in lower left. In example to left, batter reached first on an error by the second baseman, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a passed ball. It is convenient to shade the diamond as shown so that scoring plays may be seen at a glance.

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Fly ball striking left-center-field wall to left of line behind flagpole and bounding into screen: 2 Bases.

Fly ball striking wall or flagpole and bounding into bleachers: Home Run.

Fly ball striking line or right of same on wall in right center: Home Run.

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1998 RED SOX SEASON SCHEDULE

APRIL 1998

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			T 1 OAK 10:35	N 2 OAK 3:15	T 3 SEA 10:05	T 4 SEA 9:05
T 5 SEA 4:35	N 6 ANA 10:05	N 7 ANA 10:05	N 8 ANA 10:35		T 10 SEA 3:05	T 11 SEA 1:05
T 12 SEA 1:05	N 13 OAK 6:05	N 14 OAK 6:05	N 15 OAK 6:05		T 17 CLE 6:05	T 18 CLE 1:05
T 19 CLE 1:05	T 20 CLE 11:05	N 21 DET 7:05	N 22 DET 7:05		T 24 CLE 7:05	T 25 CLE 1:05
T 26 CLE 1:05	N 27 DET 6:05	N 28 DET 6:05	N 29 ANA 6:05	T 30 ANA 6:05		

MAY 1998

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T 3 TEX 1:05		N 5 MIN 7:05	N 6 MIN 7:05	T 7 KC 8:05	T 8 KC 8:05	T 9 KC 8:05
T 10 KC 2:05	N 11 TEX 8:35	N 12 TEX 2:35	N 13 MIN 8:05	N 14 MIN 1:15	T 15 KC 7:05	T 16 KC 1:05
T 17 KC 1:05		N 19 CHW 7:05	N 20 CHW 7:05		T 22 NYY 7:05	T 23 NYY 1:05
T 24 NYY 1:05	T 25 TOR 1:05	N 26 TOR 7:05		N 28 NYY 7:35	N 29 NYY 7:35	F 30 NYY 1:35

JUNE 1998

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T 28 FLA 4:35		N 29 MON 7:05				

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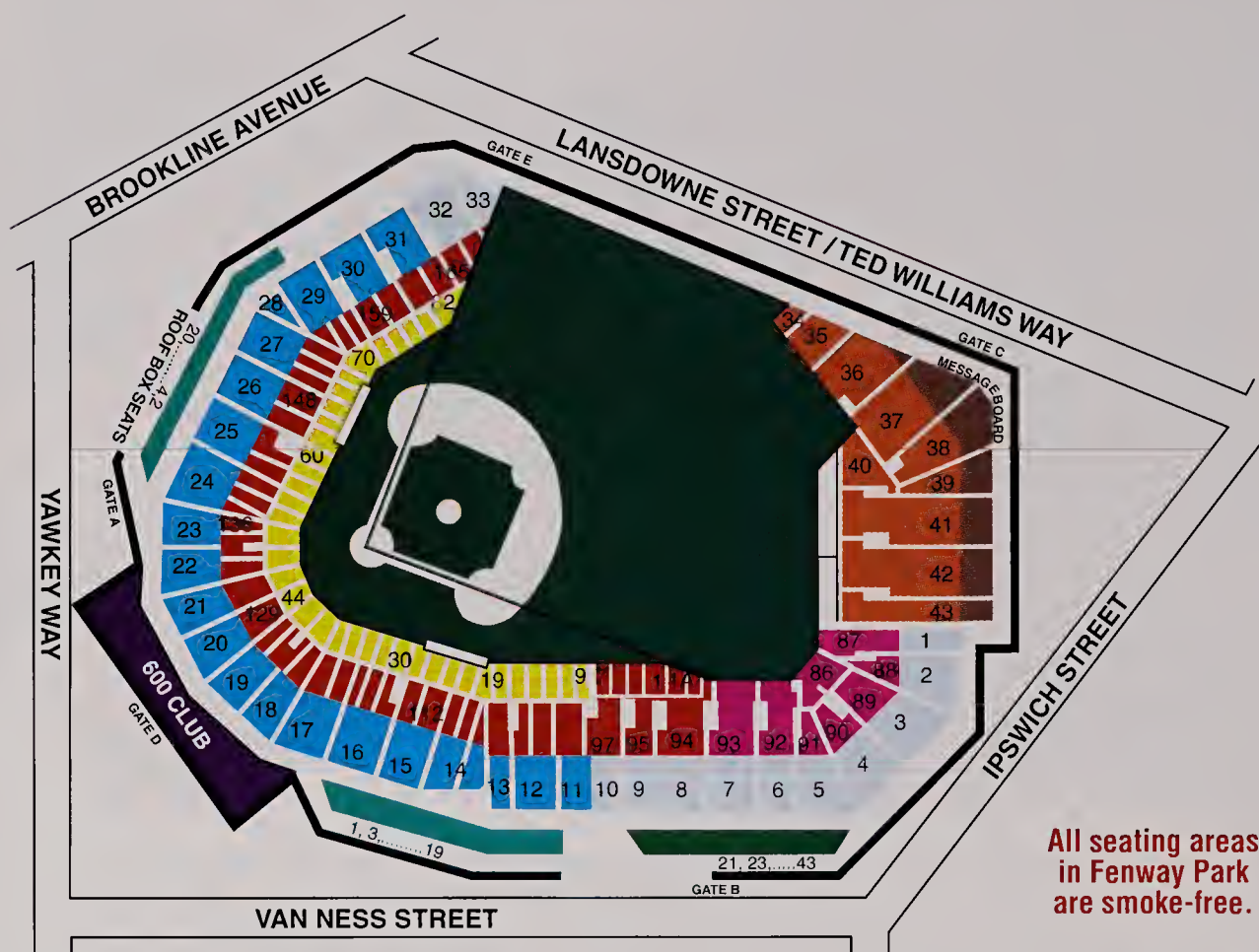
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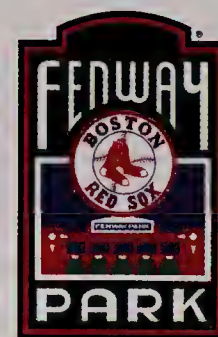
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ADOPTED SONS OF NEW ENGLAND'S TEAM: **DOMINIC DiMAGGIO**

"The Little Professor"

"Dom DiMaggio came as close to being the perfect ballplayer as anyone I have seen in all my years of baseball. He could do it all. He absolutely belongs in baseball's Hall of Fame."

These are the words of Johnny Pesky who has been associated with the Boston Red Sox for over 50 years. If anyone is an authority on the subject of Dominic DiMaggio it is Pesky. Johnny batted second behind Dom's leadoff position for most of DiMaggio's distinguished Red Sox career.

Throughout his career Dominic DiMaggio was regarded as one of the finest defensive outfielders in the major leagues. He achieved all-star status in seven of his 10 full seasons with the Red Sox, and scored more than 100 runs in seven seasons. He still holds the Red Sox consecutive game hitting record with a standard of 34 set in 1949.

THE CITY BY THE BAY

Dominic Paul DiMaggio was the youngest of nine children born to Guiseppe and Rosalie DiMaggio. His parents had emigrated to the San Francisco, California area from Palermo, Sicily, Italy at the turn of the century. Guiseppe DiMaggio supported his large family as a crab fisherman working out of historic Fisherman's Wharf.

Over the years, more than 1,300 ballplayers have worn the Red Sox uniform. Many of these former players have selected New England as their long-term home. This is the fifth in a continuing series of articles on "adopted and native sons."



The Bay area was a baseball hotbed, and Dom's older brothers, Mike and Tom, were known as two of the finer players on the local sandlots. But their baseball careers were cut short because they were needed in the family fishing enterprise.

The next DiMaggio son was Vince who was two years older than future New York Yankee great, Joe, and four years older than Dom. Vince, who would break in with the Boston Braves in 1937, attracted the interest of the minor league San Francisco Seals and was signed to a contract in 1932.

Guiseppe DiMaggio wasn't too keen on Vince's choice of a career. But it was clear from brother Joe's earliest days on the diamond that he was destined for greatness. The elder DiMaggio gave Joe permission to pursue a baseball career, and Guiseppe quickly became Joe's biggest fan.

"My father used to wake me up at 4 a.m. when the newspaper arrived to go over the box score with him. He would be ready to head off for a day of fishing, but he couldn't decipher the box scores and had to know how Joe had done."

Big brothers Vince and Joe had paved the way for Dom's baseball career, but he had more than a few obstacles to overcome. Not only was he the kid brother and the smallest of the three boys, but he also wore glasses. In the 1930s, baseball players with glasses were almost unheard of.



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"It was viewed as such a negative that I used to play a lot without my glasses. One day I wore my glasses and got four hits. I wore them every game after that."

Dom's big break in baseball came when he starred at a tryout camp run jointly by the Cincinnati Reds and the San Francisco Seals. The Seals signed him to a contract, but immediately moved him from his familiar infield position. The Seals owner Charley Graham is reported to have said, "With those glasses we better get him in the outfield."

Dom's first manager was Lefty O'Doul who had batted .349 over an 11-year big league career. DiMaggio flourished under O'Doul's tutelage and batted .306 in his first season with the Seals.

He played three seasons for the Seals, batting .361 in 1939, his final season with the team. Asked when he first knew that he was headed for the major leagues, Dom recalls, "There was a writer for the San Francisco Daily News named Tom Laird. He used to write that my brother Joe was the greatest ballplayer he had ever seen, but that I was a poor player who was cashing in on Joe's name. When Laird changed his tune and started writing good things about me, I knew I had arrived!"

BOSTON BOUND

The Red Sox purchased Dom's contract from the Seals following the 1939 season, and he reported to Sarasota, Florida, to play under Manager Joe Cronin in February of 1940. Dom faced the challenge of trying to break into an outfield that already included Ted Williams and 11-year veteran Doc Cramer. His outstanding play in the Grapefruit League earned him the starting position in right field on Opening Day in Washington, DC.

It should be noted that Dom DiMaggio is considered to be the first baseball player ever to work his way through the minors, and go on to a successful career in the major leagues wearing glasses. Glasses and contact lenses are common in the major leagues today, but in the 1940s, Dom DiMaggio was a real inspiration to many aspiring major leaguers.

The 23-year-old DiMaggio immediately established himself as a Red Sox fixture, batting .301 in his rookie year. Early in the 1940 sea-



The DiMaggio brothers: Vince, Dom and Joe during the 1986 Old Timers' Game at Fenway Park.

son, Manager Cronin shifted Dom to center field to make better use of his defensive genius.

His shift to center meant that three of the 16 major league center fielders shared the surname of DiMaggio. Joe led the way in 1936 with the Yankees, and in 1940, brother Vince was a regular with the Pittsburgh Pirates. The three brothers were known widely as "The Royal Family of Baseball." Five Delahanty brothers had actually made it to the major leagues before and immediately after the turn of the century. However, the three DiMaggios were the first to each play in over 100 games in a season, a feat they sustained from 1940-42.

SUMMER OF '41

The 1941 season was a special one for Dom personally, and a very special year for baseball. On a personal level, he scored 117 runs for the Red Sox, and he was selected for the American League All-Star team. In the Midsummer Classic played in Detroit, he appeared in the outfield alongside his brother Joe. He singled in the eighth inning to drive Joe in with an important run, and he watched as teammate Ted Williams won the game for the American League with a three-run homer in the ninth inning.

In 1941 Dom watched with pride as his brother Joe set the major league standard with base hits in 56 consecutive games. On a daily basis he watched Ted Williams become the last major league hitter to reach .400. Williams finished the season with an average of .406, going six for eight in a doubleheader on the last day of the season in Philadelphia.

"THE LITTLE PROFESSOR"

Early in his Red Sox career, the baseball writers took to referring to Dom as "The Little Professor." With his wire-rim glasses and relatively small stature at 5'9," it was said that he looked more like a college professor than a baseball player. But his nickname suited his intellect and thoughtful demeanor as well. According to legend, once when he was called out on strikes with a pitch that he felt was definitely a ball, he returned to the dugout, stood on the top step and shouted back at



Dom DiMaggio posed with American League President Gene Budig in front of the left-field wall bearing the 1999 All-Star Game logo that was recently revealed at Fenway Park.



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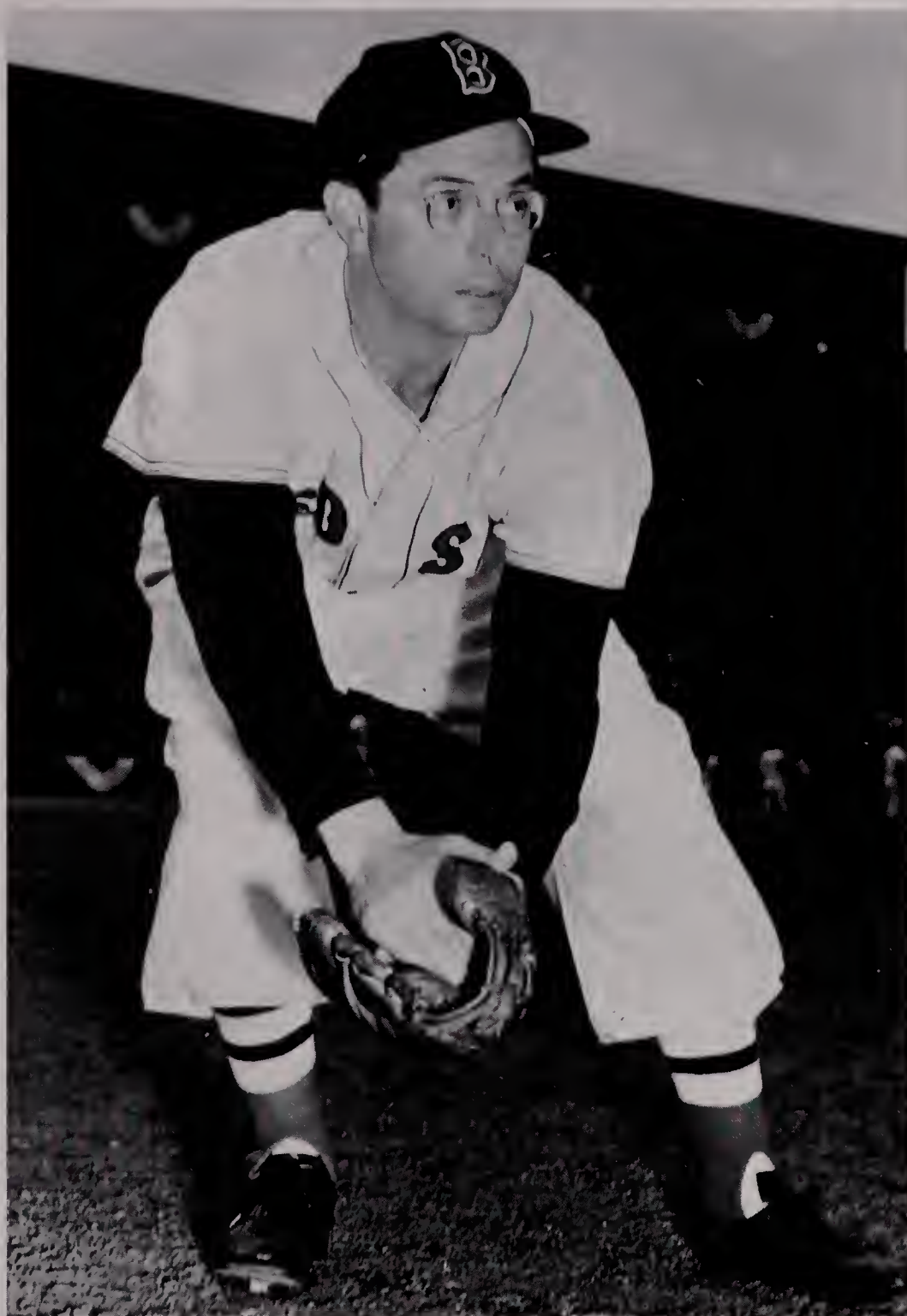
Johnny Pesky joined the Red Sox in 1942 as a 22-year-old rookie shortstop. "I was so impressed with Dominic as a ballplayer and as a person. He could hit, he could run, and he was as good in the outfield as anyone I have ever seen. Dom was the leadoff hitter, and I would follow him. He was the ideal player to hit behind. I don't think I ever saw him make a mistake on the bases."

Dom was named to the American League All-Star team again in 1942, but major league baseball players were heading off to the armed forces to serve in World War II. He spent the 1943, 1944 and 1945 seasons in the U.S. Navy along with teammates Williams and Pesky.

The 1946 season was a great one for the Boston Red Sox and for Dom. The Red Sox clinched the American League pennant in mid-September, and Dom was the starting center fielder for the American League in the All-Star Game at Fenway Park. He played well in a losing cause in the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals. His two-run double in the top of the eighth inning tied the seventh game 3-3, but he pulled up lame at second base and had to leave the game. Dom scored the winning run in the fifth game to give the Red Sox a three to two edge in the Series.

During the next several seasons, Dom emerged as one of the premier players in the major leagues. In 1948 he scored 127 runs as the Red Sox tied the Cleveland Indians for the pennant, losing in a one-game playoff at Fenway Park. In 1949 he scored 126 runs while his team came within one game of beating the Yankees for the American League pennant.

While Dom was recognized as a star in his own right, it was brother Joe who gathered most of the headlines with the New York Yankees. Asked how it felt to be in his brother's majestic shadow, he says, "I've always told people how very proud I am to be Joe's brother. And then I would remind them, 'Yes, he's my brother, and I'm his brother.' I also



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runs scored in 1950 and 1951. He also led the league in triples and stolen bases in 1950. He continued his string of All-Star Game selections which stretched consecutively from 1949 to 1952.

In the spring of 1953 new Red Sox Manager Lou Boudreau instituted a "youth movement" which significantly reduced Dom's playing time. After considerable soul-searching, he decided to retire from baseball at the age of 36.

"I felt that I had several good years still in me, and I wasn't prepared to sit on the bench. I asked Red Sox General Manager Joe Cronin to trade me or release me, but the team declined. I decided I would rather retire than accept part-time play. My pride wouldn't let me, so that's what I did in April, 1953.

For the first time in 17 seasons, there were no DiMaggios playing major league baseball.

had a little more privacy, since he's the first DiMaggio they would approach for a special favor or appearance."

PERENNIAL ALL-STAR

Former Red Sox first baseman Walt Dropo grew up in Mooseup, Connecticut reading about DiMaggio, Williams and Bobby Doerr. Dropo was named the American League Rookie of the Year in 1950 when he rapped out 144 RBI for the Red Sox. "The thing that amazed me about Dom was his consistency. He played the game flawlessly day after day. Some players go hitless for three games and then go out and make a big splash with a four-hit game. Dom would go out every day and get a hit, draw a walk, run the bases to perfection, score a run, and field his position perfectly. I think he got overlooked sometimes simply because he was so consistent."

Dom DiMaggio celebrated his 33rd birthday just before reporting to spring training in 1950. Dom seemed to get better with age putting up some of his best offensive numbers over the next three years.

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Player	Hits
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E. Slaughter	1,619
S. Musial	1,606
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P. W. Reese	1,447

Player	Runs
T. Williams	1,144
D. DiMaggio	1,046
S. Musial	929
P. W. Reese	894
J. DiMaggio	870

Player	Doubles
T. Williams	322
S. Musial	316
D. DiMaggio	308
M. Vernon	275
L. Boudreau	269

Dom DiMaggio, cont.

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

Dom DiMaggio's career statistics place him in the upper echelon of baseball players for all-time. During his 10 full years, he ranked first in number of hits, second in runs scored, and third in doubles (see box) when compared to all major leaguers during this period. He has three of the 15 longest hitting streaks in Red Sox history including the club record of 34 straight games in 1949. He scored an average of 105 times each season; only two Hall of Fame members from the 20th century — Lou Gehrig and Joe DiMaggio — averaged over 100 runs scored per season.

Fielding statistics are less revealing than hitting, but he is one of only three American League outfielders to average three or more chances per game. He is one of only five outfielders to have over 500 putouts in a season, including an A.L.-record 526 in 1948 that lasted for 29 years.

"Dom's numbers compare to anyone's," Pesky thinks. "But to truly appreciate him as a player and a man, you had to see him day after day, season after season. He was the complete baseball player and a gentleman."

THE LATER YEARS

Dom DiMaggio went from the baseball diamond to business without missing a beat. For many years he owned and managed a plastics manufacturing company in Lawrence, Mass. His success in business mirrored his achievements in baseball.

In his early years with the Red Sox, Dom returned to his native San Francisco during the off-season. That changed shortly after he married his wife, Emily, in 1948. "Emily is a Boston girl, so New England became home for us. I still love to go back to San Francisco, but our roots are firmly planted here."

The DiMaggios, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this October, have three grown children and six much-loved grandchildren. Dom and his wife divide their time between Marion, Mass. and Delray Beach, Florida. For the past 17 years, Dom has sponsored a golf tournament that raises money for the Jimmy Fund and a number of causes in the southeastern Massachusetts area.

This summer he is helping the Red Sox minor league system as a special consultant with young outfielders in the organization.

"We're happy to use Dom's great knowledge of outfield fundamentals to improve our young prospects," said Dan Duquette, Red Sox executive vice president and general manager. "He was one of the best center fielders of all time, and his expertise is invaluable."

"THE GREATEST FIELDER I EVER SAW"

When Joe DiMaggio retired from the New York Yankees in 1951, he was asked to name the greatest hitter and the greatest fielder he had ever seen. "Ted Williams was the greatest hitter I ever saw, and my brother, Dom, was the greatest fielder."

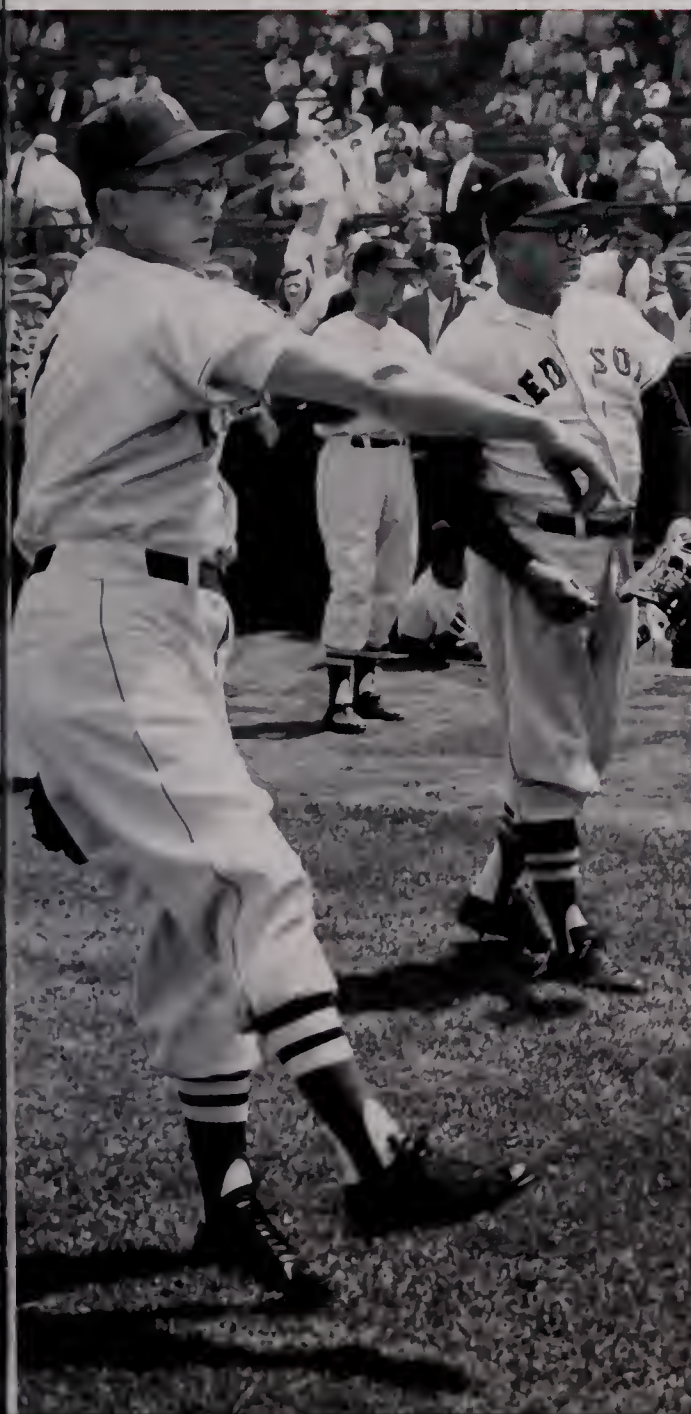
Asked for his response to that quote, Dom answers, "My brother, Joe, never got to watch himself play center field." Dom DiMaggio is a very gracious individual.

In July of this year, Dr. Gene Budig, President of the American League, came to Boston to appear at a press conference announcing the plans for the 1999 All-Star Game at Fenway Park. Dr. Budig said, "As an undersized and bespectacled youngster in rural Nebraska, I especially admired Dom DiMaggio. He was a model for many. He proved that true greatness can come in small packages...both on and off the playing field. Meeting Dom was an exciting experience for me. He was what I hoped he would be."

Dom DiMaggio was the first baseball player this writer ever saw, and my first baseball hero. Based on his distinguished baseball and business careers, and his exemplary commitment to family and community, he is still a hero. ■

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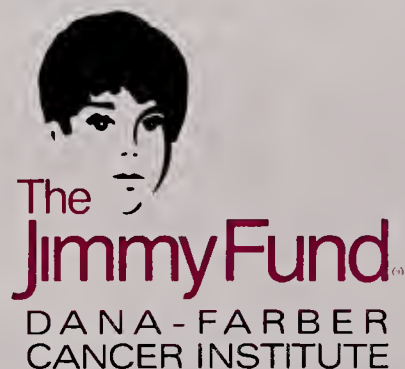
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Red Sox pitcher Tim Wakefield made friends with six-year-old Brittany.



Red Sox players Darren Bragg, Tim Wakefield, Jason Varitek, Derek Lowe and Lou Merloni stopped by the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute on June 4 to spend some time visiting and reading to the youngsters at the Jimmy Fund Clinic. Pictured with the Red Sox delegation here is eight-year-old Pete Palmberg of Standish, ME.



Red Sox pitcher Derek Lowe engaged in a conversation with six-year-old Shoshana Kusky of Foxboro, MA.



Four-year-old Vincent and nine-year-old James tried the Red Sox dugout on for size.



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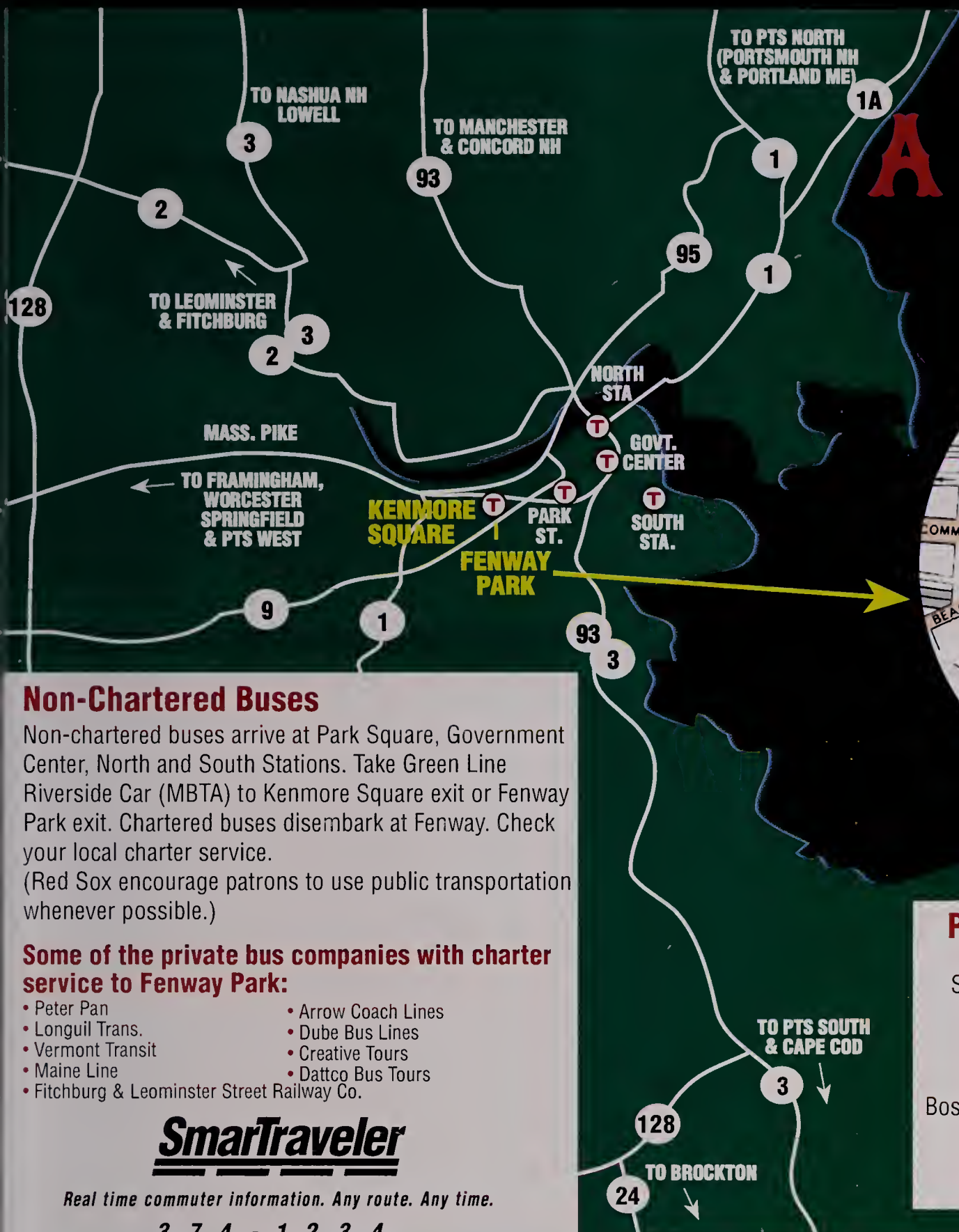
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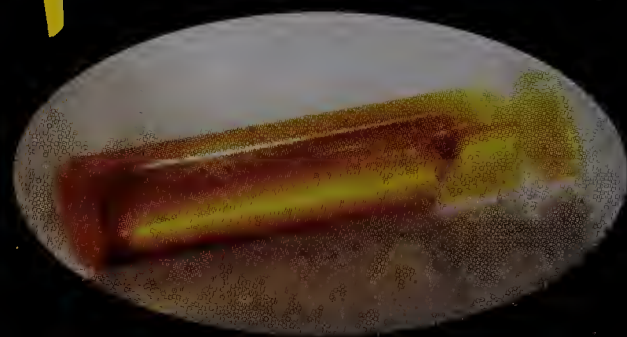
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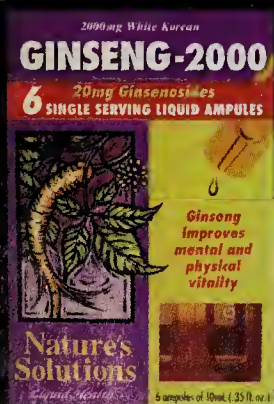
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CARL YASTRZEMSKI

A Look Back at a Great Career

It's been 15 years since Carl Yastrzemski retired from the Red Sox after a brilliant 23-year career. Some of his many noteworthy achievements are highlighted in this pictorial tribute to #8.

YAZ #3000

Yastrzemski Gets No. 3,000 After 19 Years

By Peter May
United Press International

BOSTON — He had worked 19 years for the hit, taught by experience and patience it would somehow arrive, sobered by the realization it would be harder to achieve than the 2,999 that preceded it.

The ball was not well hit, but hard enough to elude a groping Willie Randolph and slide into right field. Carl Yastrzemski rounded first base and undoubtedly let out a huge sigh of relief.

The struggle was over.

Battling against pain and pressure, Yastrzemski last night recorded the 3,000th base hit of his major league career. He is the 15th major leaguer to attain the historic goal, and the first American League player to hit 400 home runs to go along with the 3,000 hits.

"There's been a lot of pressure the last three days," said Yastrzemski, who had failed in 10 previous official tries. "I came out of my normal realm of hitting. I was anxious. I understand everyone had a job to do. There wasn't a chance to relax. This was tough, I was almost embarrassed."

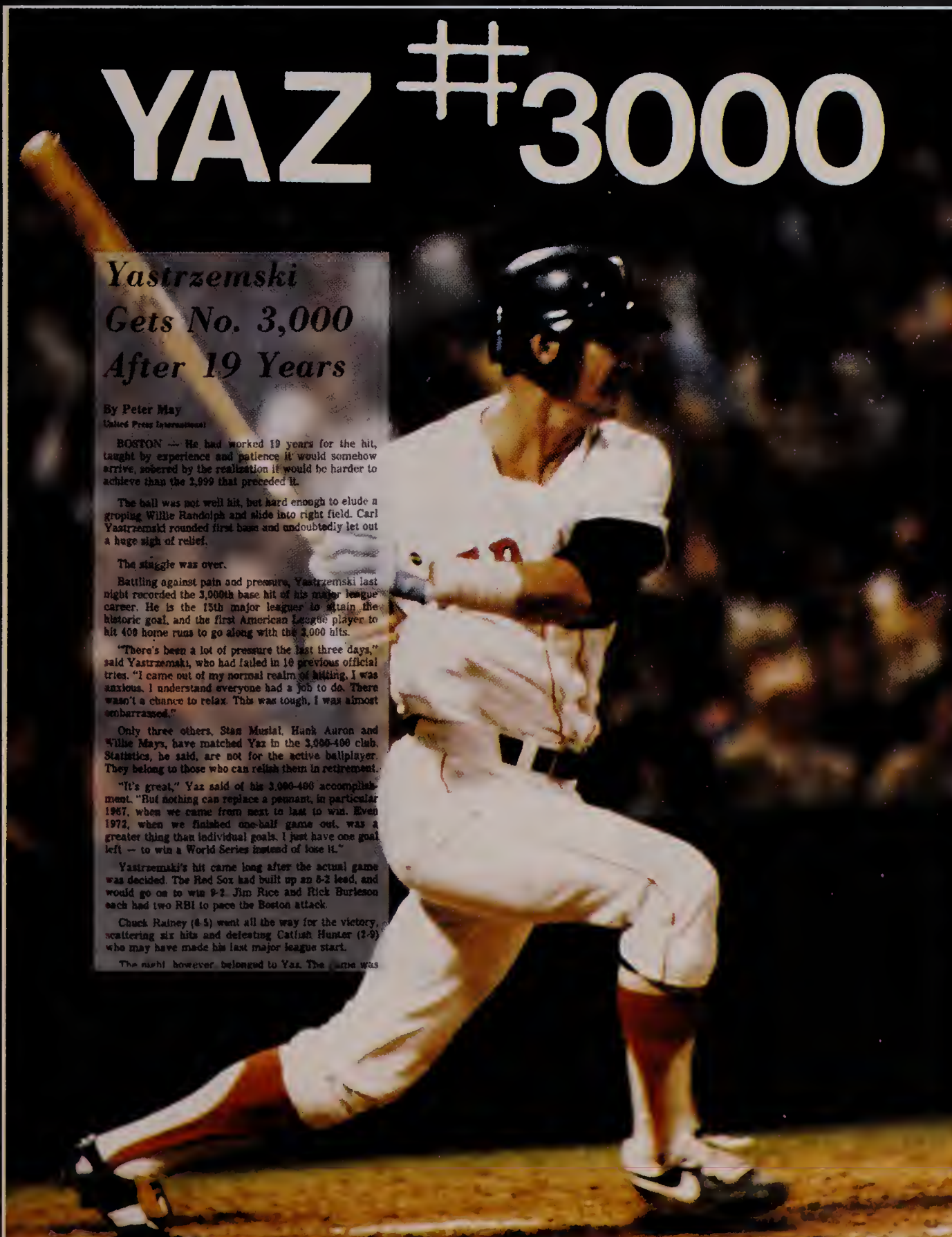
Only three others, Stan Musial, Hank Aaron and Willie Mays, have matched Yaz in the 3,000-400 club. Statistics, he said, are not for the active ballplayer. They belong to those who can relish them in retirement.

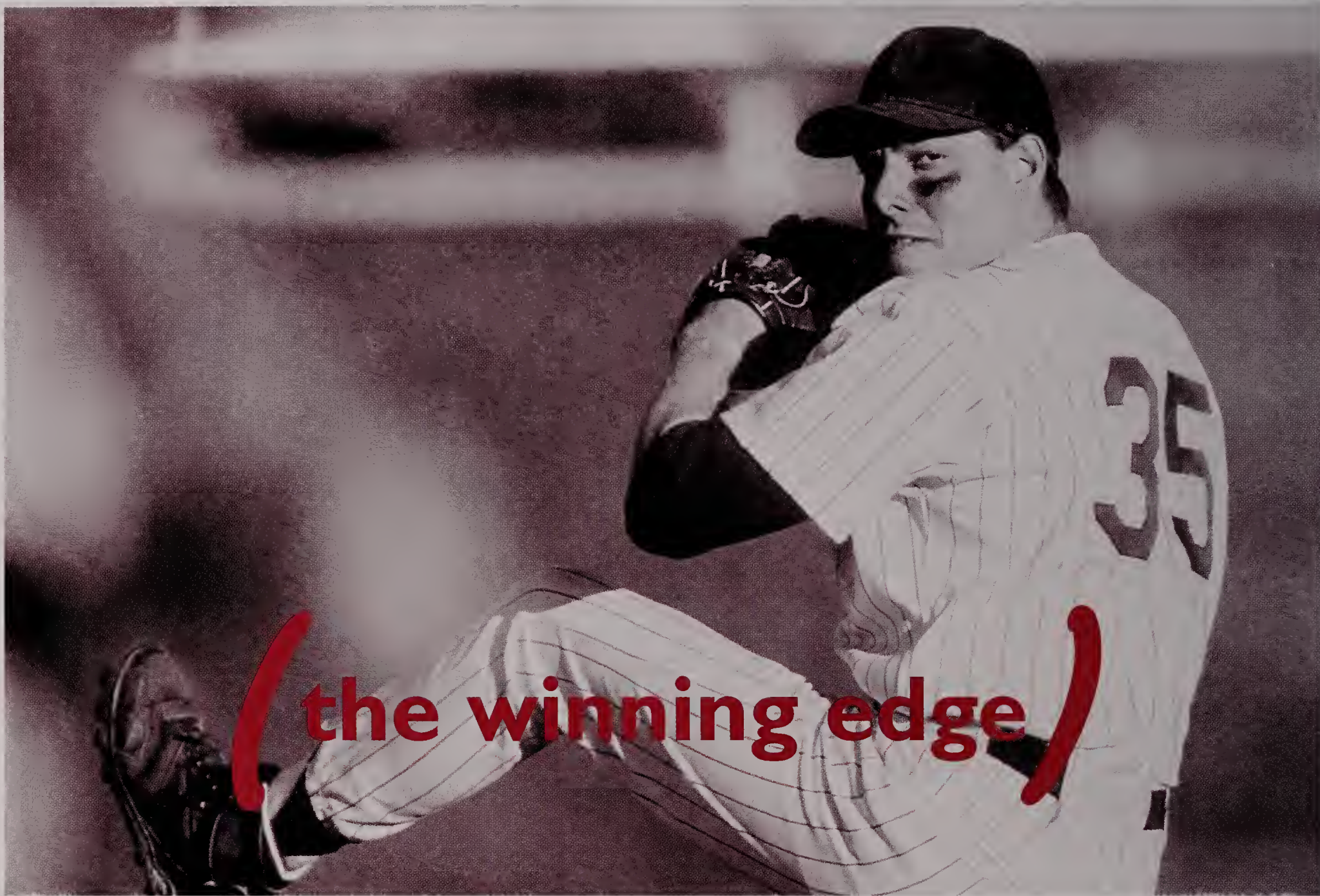
"It's great," Yaz said of his 3,000-400 accomplishment. "But nothing can replace a pennant, in particular 1967, when we came from next to last to win. Even 1972, when we finished one-half game out, was a greater thing than individual goals. I just have one goal left — to win a World Series instead of lose it."

Yastrzemski's hit came long after the actual game was decided. The Red Sox had built up an 8-2 lead, and would go on to win 9-2. Jim Rice and Rick Burleson each had two RBI to pace the Boston attack.

Chuck Rainey (4-5) went all the way for the victory, scattering six hits and defeating Catfish Hunter (2-9) who may have made his last major league start.

The night, however, belonged to Yaz. The game was





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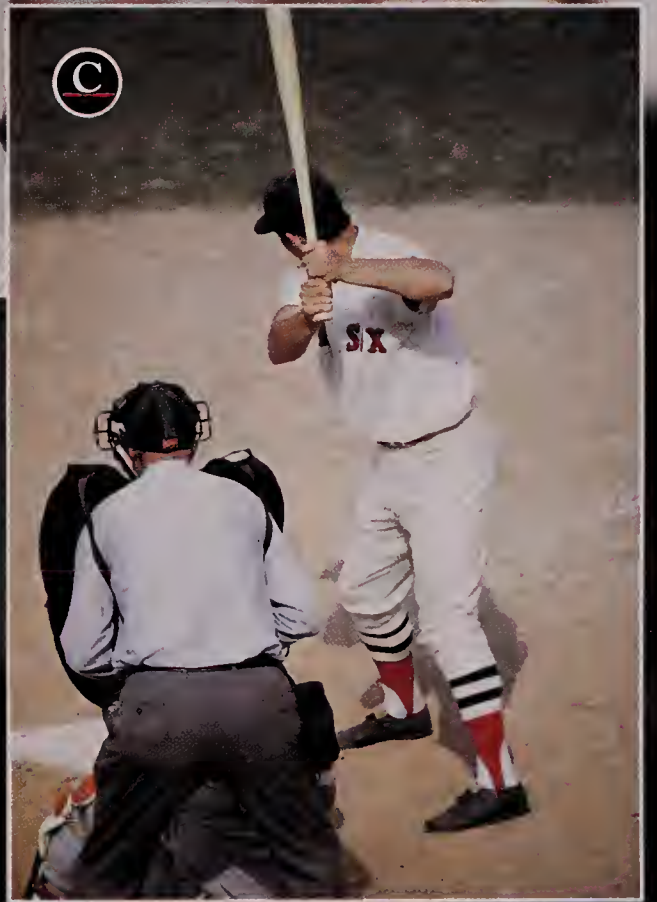
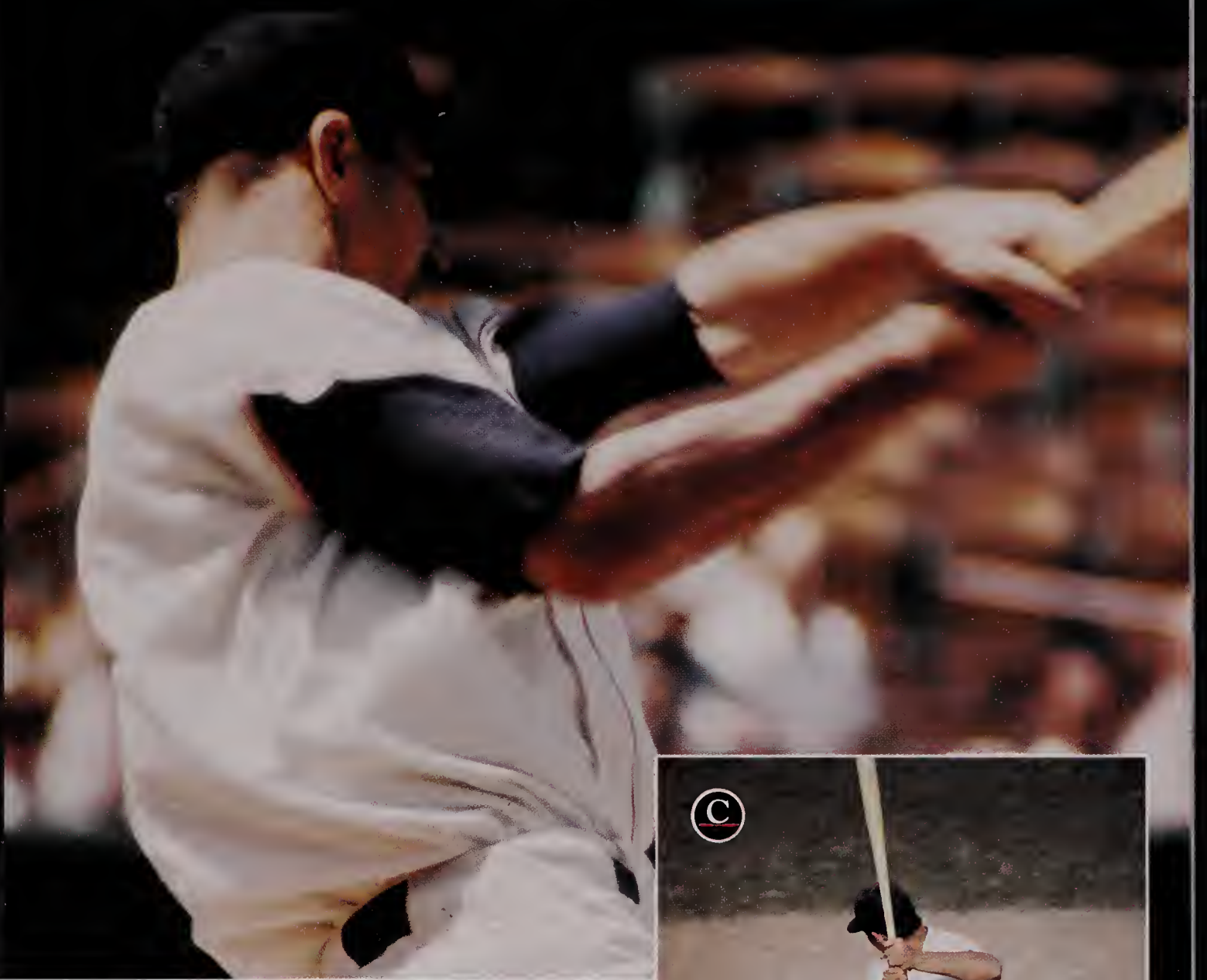
Yaz, cont.

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A In 1961, displaying the swing that would thrill Red Sox fans for years to come.

B Celebrating the 1967 A.L. pennant with General Manager Dick O'Connell.

C Yaz won the A.L. batting title again in 1968.



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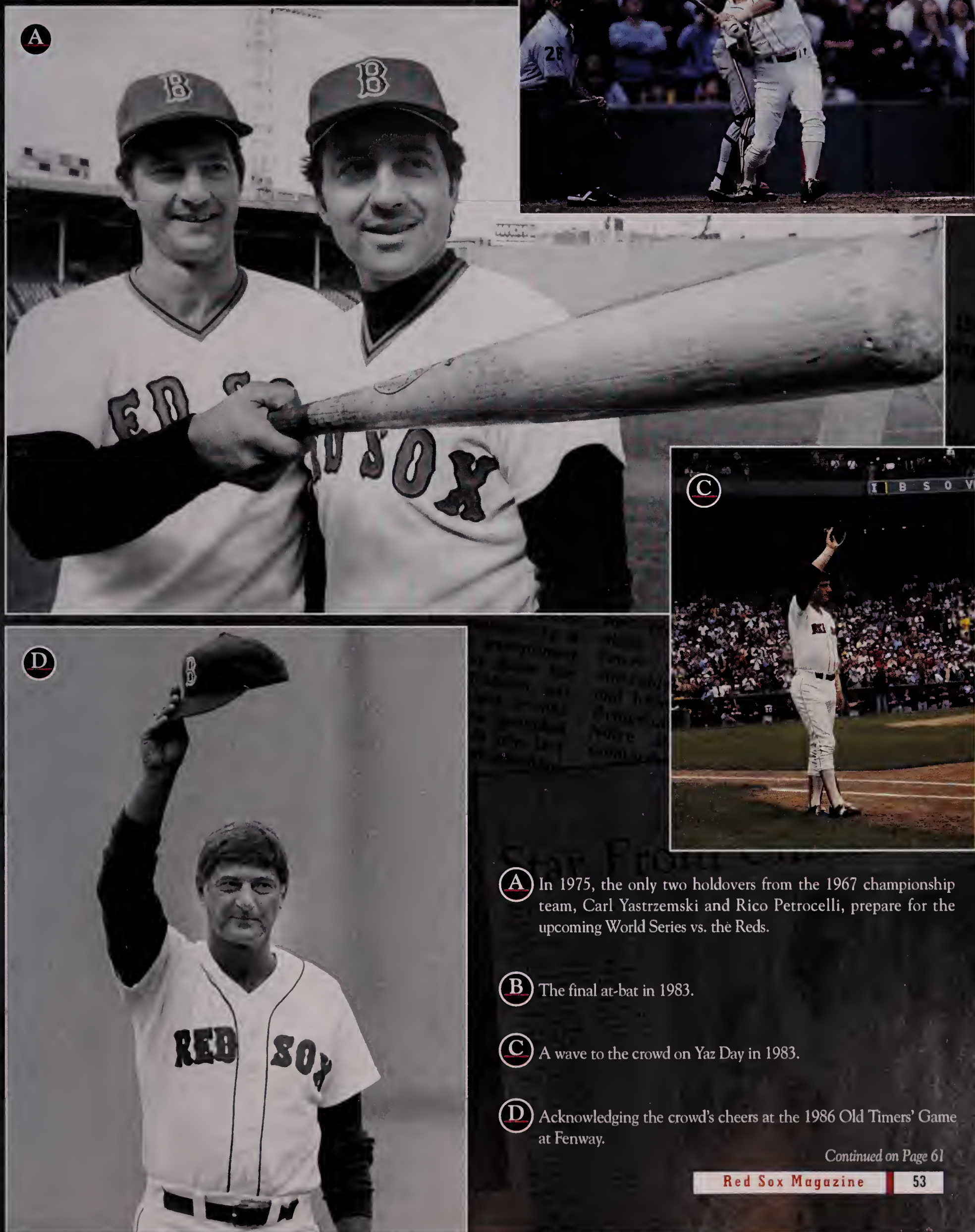
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A In 1975, the only two holdovers from the 1967 championship team, Carl Yastrzemski and Rico Petrocelli, prepare for the upcoming World Series vs. the Reds.

B The final at-bat in 1983.

C A wave to the crowd on Yaz Day in 1983.

D Acknowledging the crowd's cheers at the 1986 Old Timers' Game at Fenway.

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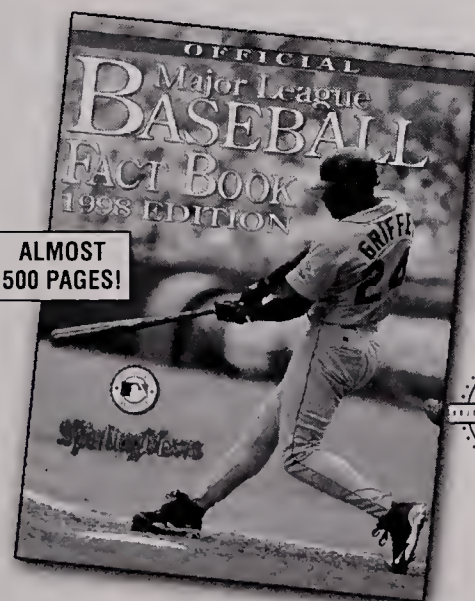
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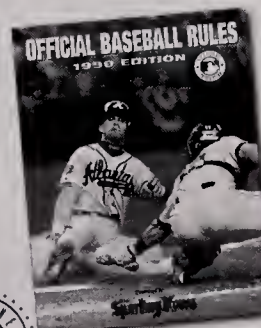
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- 1. *rizona Diamond*acks
- 2. Atl*nta Brav*s
- 3. Cin*innati Red*
- 4. Colora*o Roc*ies
- 5. Florid* Mar*ins
- 6. Hou*ton Ast*os
- 7. Lo* Angeles Dodge*s
- 8. S*. Louis Cardina*s
- 9. S*n Diego *P*dres
- 10. San F*ancisco Gia*ts

THE NAME'S THE SAME

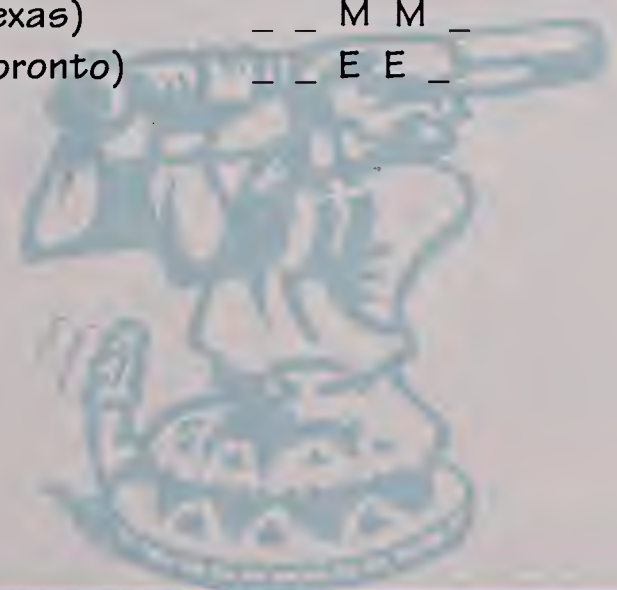
There are five players who have played for the Red Sox this season who have the same last names as other major league players. Listed below are the first name and team of the other player. Can you identify the common last name they share?

- 1. Greg (San Diego)
- 2. Jose (Milwaukee)
- 3. Mark (Philadelphia)
- 4. Dennis (Atlanta)
- 5. Sean (St. Louis)

LET'S GET TWO

Listed below are the last names of 14 players (one from each American League team). Each last name contains at least one pair of double letters. How many can you identify? (The team is given in parentheses as a hint).

- 1. (Anaheim) _ _ L L
- 2. (Baltimore) _ _ _ _ F F
- 3. (Boston) _ _ G G
- 4. (Chicago) _ B B _ T T
- 5. (Cleveland) _ S S _ _ _ _ _
- 6. (Detroit) _ _ G G _ _ _ _
- 7. (Kansas City) _ F F _ _ _ _
- 8. (Minnesota) _ O O _ _ _
- 9. (New York) _ _ T T _ T T _
- 10. (Oakland) _ _ O O _
- 11. (Seattle) _ _ _ F F _ _
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- 13. (Texas) _ _ M M _
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At one time, Merloni pretended to be a member of the Red Sox while he was playing with friends. Today, there are youngsters pretending to be a certain second baseman who speaks with a slight Boston accent and knows how to reach Fenway Park via the MBTA.


"I've been told by people that their kids have pretended being Lou Merloni," he stated. "That's very flattering."

Maybe those youngsters won't reach the major leagues, but if they emulate Lou Merloni as a person, they are bound to be successful. ■

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Please refer to our map on Page 55 for further information and easy access to the ballpark. Thank you!





Catcher Dave Benham stirs up some home plate action.

think this is something I'll never forget and I feel particularly proud for my family."

LeLachur Park has a seating capacity of 5,000 and adheres to the major league standards set up for minor league ballparks. Some of the other criteria involve tunnel dugouts and the dimensions of the outfield walls. "The size of the playing field was designed to please the Red Sox," said Spinners' General Manager Shawn Smith. "Boston told us what distances they preferred and we tried to accommodate them." LeLachur Park is 337 feet down the left-field line, 302 feet down the right-field line, 365 feet to the alleys and 400 feet to center field. The outfield wall stands 12 feet high.

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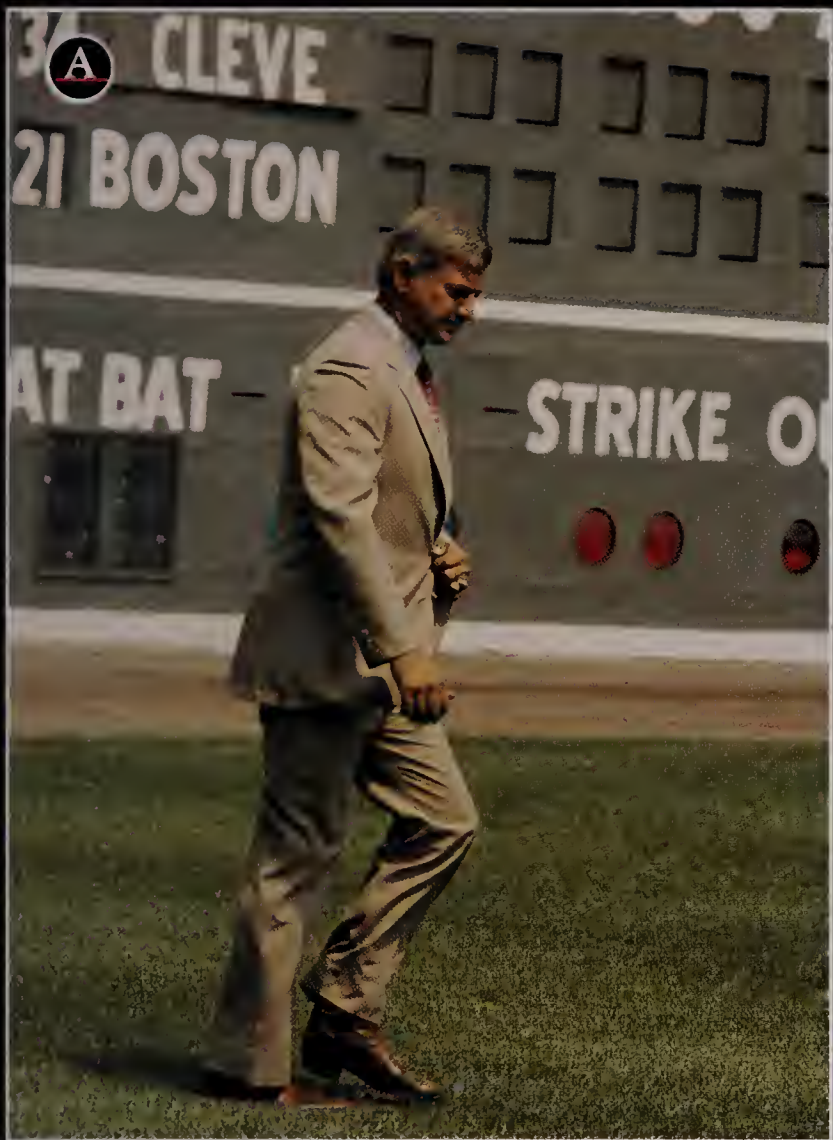


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- B** Carl with long-time friend and Red Sox President Jean Yawkey.
- C** Posing with Red Sox greats Bobby Doerr; Ted Williams, his predecessor in left field; and Red Sox President Jean Yawkey at his Hall of Fame induction in Cooperstown on July 23, 1989.
- D** Carl with the late Baseball Commissioner Bart Giamatti at Cooperstown in 1989.
- E** Yaz was still wowing the Fenway fans last August when he returned for the 30-year reunion of the 1967 pennant-winning team.

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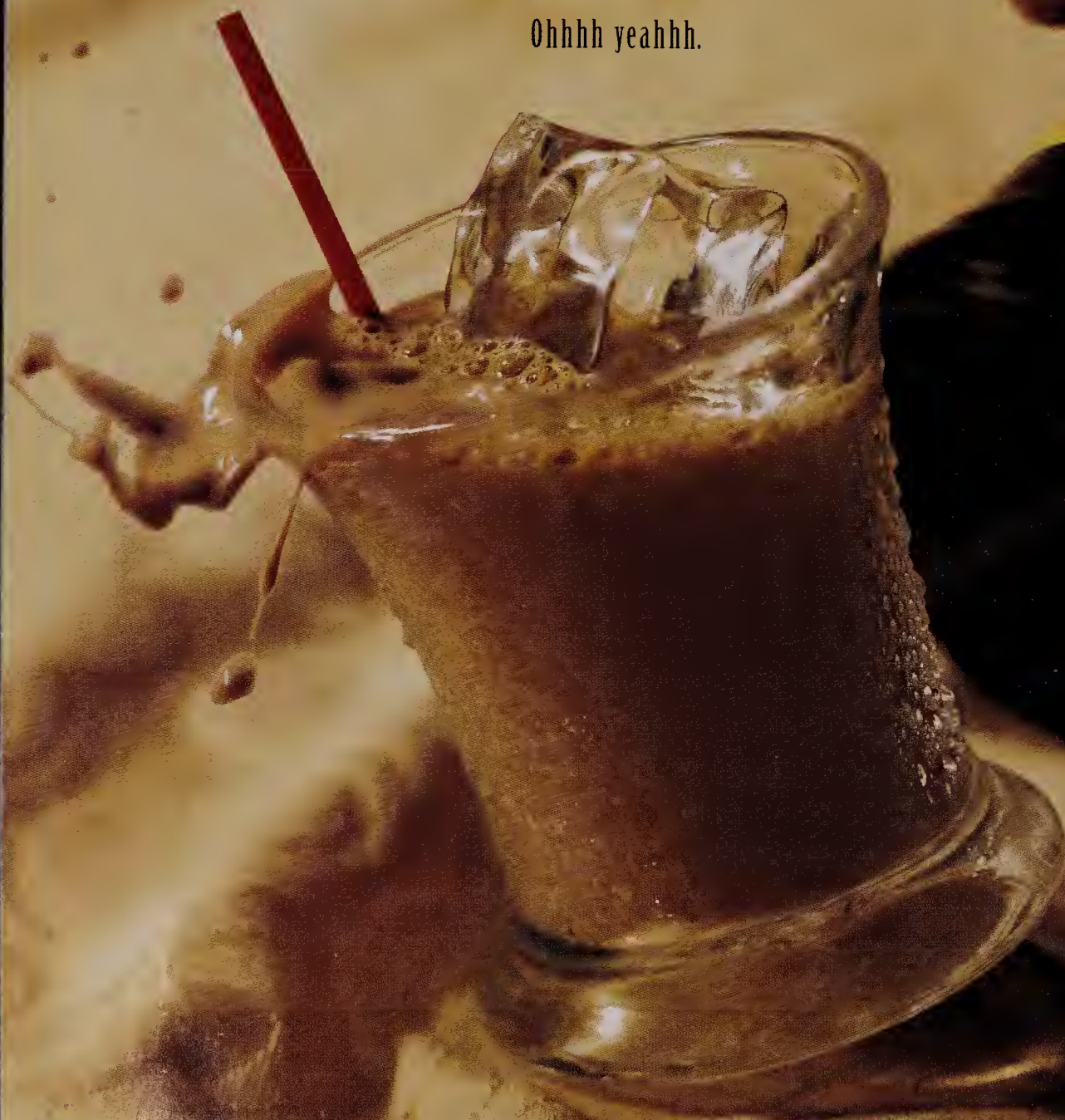
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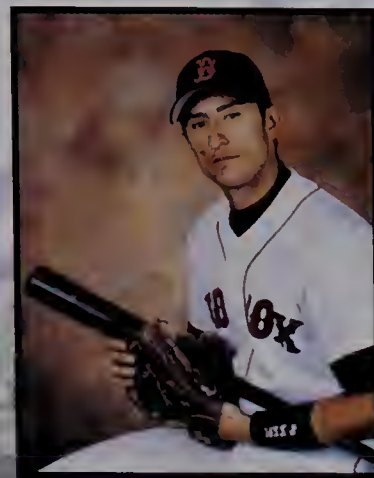
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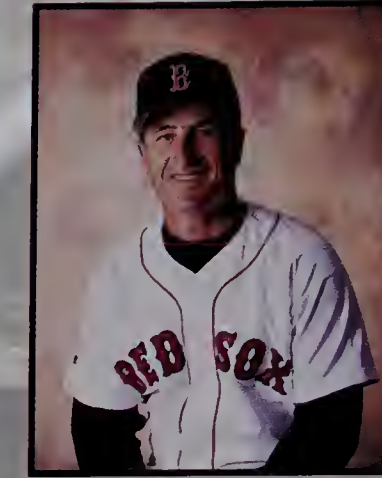
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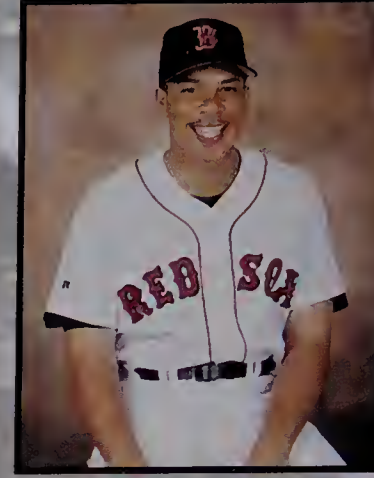
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18 / 1B-DH



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troy **o'leary**
25 / OF



lou **merloni**
50 / INF



mike **benjamin**
28 / INF



derek **lowe**
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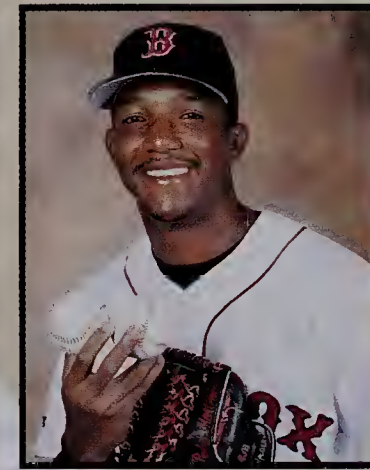
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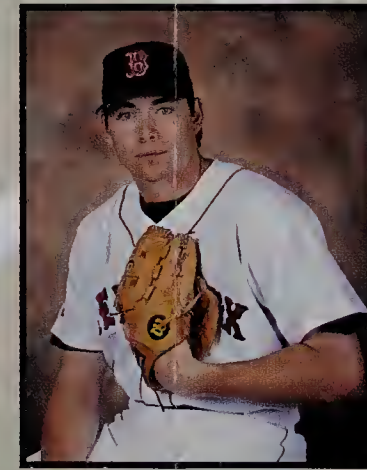
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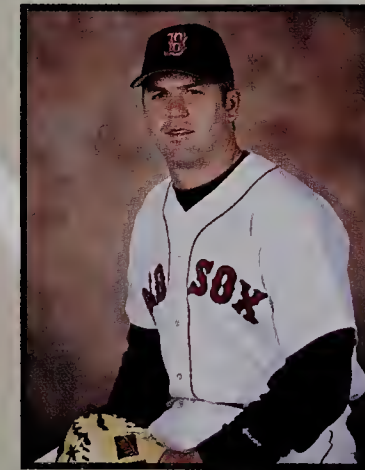
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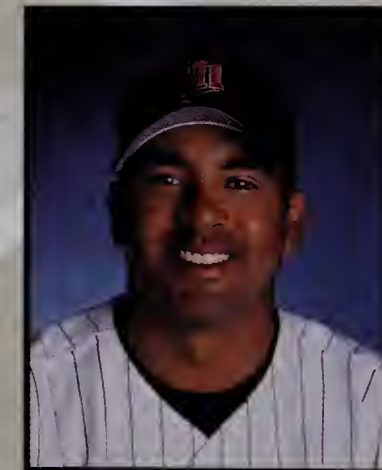
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jason **varitek**
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tim **wakefield**
49 / RHP



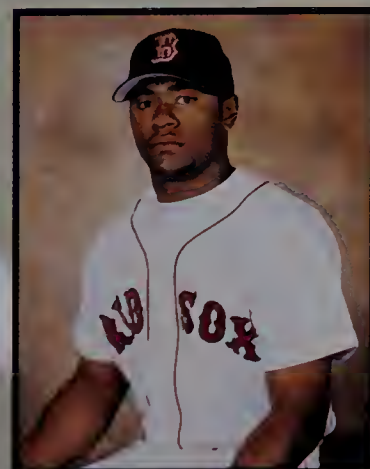
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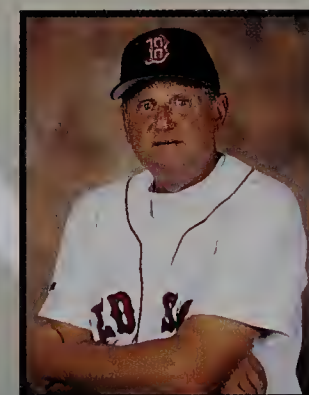
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56 / OF



donnie **sadler**
52 / INF



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37 / LHP



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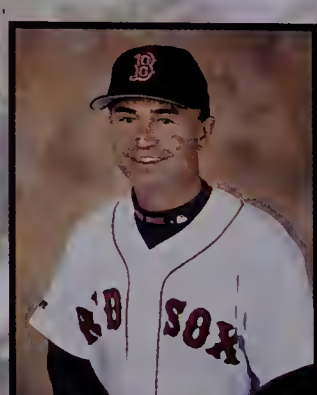
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